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EDITORIAL

To all members of our Women's Missionary Society and to all other readers of *The Glad Tidings,* our best wishes for a glad New Year!

At the Council Executive meeting on December 9th Mrs. A. B. Cruickshank was appointed to the office of Home Helpers Secretary, which had been vacant since Mrs. K. B. Schroeder resigned some months ago.

On December 6th Miss Pelton returned to Toronto from British Guiana, where she spent some weeks, visiting our workers and seeing something of the work being done there.

Miss Marion Williamson, who has been at home on furlough, is returning to India to resume her work at Amkhut on the Bhil field. She was to sail from Halifax at the end of December.

Miss Herdman, a former missionary in Central India under our Church, passed away in Toronto in November. Appointed by the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society to work in India in 1902, she left for that country in January 1903, a few days after her designation in Knox Church, Cornwall. For about fifteen years she served at Dhar, in evangelistic and educational work. Of recent years she lived in Toronto.

Miss S. P. Kong, who has been appointed to the Chinese work in Toronto, arrived in San Francisco from China on December 16th. She was expected to reach Toronto about December 20th.

Since her return to the Bhil field from the Language School at Landour, Miss Gertrude Rollo, who went out to India a year ago, has been appointed by the Mission Council to Amkhut, to work as a missionary nurse in that district.

Members, therefore, will please note the change of address for Miss Rollo since the list of missionaries was published in the December *Glad Tidings* (page 480).

As the World Day of Prayer is on February 13th this year, we regret that it was not possible to print the programme in this number of our magazine; it will appear in the February number. Committees desiring copies of the programme in order that plans may be made at once for the services to be held on February 13th may get them from the Literature Department of their Women's Missionary Society—that is, for our members, from The Literature Department, Room 800, 100 Adelaide Street West, Toronto 1. Price, one cent a copy.

Please note: Copies of World Day of Prayer programmes may be purchased *only* through the Literature Department, and payment for them must be made to that Department, *not* sent with the offering to the Treasurer of the Inter-Church Council.

New Chairman of International Missionary Council

The Rev. John A. Mackay, D.D., has been appointed Chairman of the International Missionary Council in succession to Bishop J. C. Baker. Dr. Mackay, who is well known in Canada, is President of Princeton (Presbyterian) Theological Seminary, New Jersey, and also Chairman of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A.

World Day of Prayer Broadcast

The Women's Inter-Church Council has the honour to announce that Her Excellency the Viscountess Alexander of Tunis has graciously consented to give the address on the Trans-Canada broadcast on February 12th, 1948, in connection with the observance of the World Day of Prayer. —*The Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada.*

Still More Readers Needed

Many Auxiliaries have already more subscribers to "The Glad Tidings" than for 1947. Some that lost a few because of deaths or removals found more new ones; the secretaries were not content just to get renewals.

Is your group one of these? Does every member get and read the magazine?

Have you done your best to see that **all** women in your congregation know about and read it? Free sample copies may be obtained from the Editor to give to possible new readers.

Twenty-fifth Anniversary of Formosan Women's Missionary Society

Mrs. Bella Koa, acknowledging the message sent to the Formosan Society by the Council and the gift from our Society, tells of the celebration of their anniversary.

THE telegram of greetings to the Women's Missionary Society of Formosa on the occasion of the twenty-fifth anniversary of our founding was received, and also the gift of fifty dollars gold. Thank you all very much.

We held our annual meeting at Bangkah Church yesterday, so the telegram was read and the women were told about the gift of money. All were very pleased, and sent their best wishes and thanks to you and to all the members of the Society in Canada. The occasion will long be remembered here.

Miss Adair, who was instrumental in founding the Society twenty-five years ago, also sent us a very fine letter. It is good to be remembered, and to know that we are upheld in prayer.

We had a very good gathering yesterday over two hundred being present. During the war years we held no large meetings and, moreover, people were much scattered, to the mountains and everywhere, so that many lost track of one another. It was a great joy to all yesterday to meet in the fellowship once more. Last April, after the death of Chi-oang, our Biblewoman, we had a small meeting in commemoration of her but this is our first large gathering for some years past. There were members present from fourteen different churches. More would doubtless have come had not the train fare suddenly doubled, making the expense so much greater.

The pastor of Bangkah Church preached, and Mr. Mackay and others spoke. Some missionaries were present, not all being able to come, but we had a welcome for them. Since Chi-oang's death we have had two Biblewomen working on the East Coast. They are tribespeople. The younger of the two is studying in the Bible School there. She is a widow, whose husband was persecuted for coming to church. He was so badly beaten that before very long he died.

Five families have been brought in through the ministry of this young Biblewoman. Every Sunday, Wednesday and Friday evenings she spends in village work. We have only these two workers at present, but we are hoping to have more workers soon, on this western side of the field.

Greetings to all the members of the Council from all our Women's Missionary Society members here.

The Need is Urgent

IN accordance with the decision of the last General Assembly that our church people be called upon to respond to the need of relief for Great Britain and other European countries (See November *Glad Tidings,* page 398), a Presbyterian Inter-Board Committee for Relief Abroad has been formed to direct the relief work of our Church. This committee, which represents all Boards of the Church, is to be called the Presbyterian Section of Canadian Church Relief Abroad.

Knowing something of the desperate need in Europe, our people, it is felt, are not only willing but anxious to do all they can to help those who are suffering. As the need is so great and so widespread, and as, therefore, help will be required for a long time, there must be long-term planning.

The Canadian Churches are organizing independently, but their committees have acted together in establishing a Central Depot for Canadian Church Relief Abroad through the Canadian Council of Churches. Thus, while our Presbyterian relief work will be under the direction of our Church, the recognized Inter-Church agencies will be used, both in Canada and in Europe, in order to see that the supplies reach the most needy people—and that they do not reach the black market. Relief centres in Europe have been set up by the Department of Reconstruction at Geneva, of which the Rev. Dr. J. Hutchison Cockburn is director.

The great need is for *money* (to buy food) and *clothing.* Food will be bought in Canada and shipped overseas. Every congregation is asked to set up an organization for the collection and forwarding of contributions for this relief work, clothing being sent to: The Central Depot, Canadian Church Relief Abroad, Toronto, Ontario; and money to: Mr. E. W. McNeill, The Presbyterian Church in Canada, 100 Adelaide St. W., Toronto 1, Ontario.

SUGGESTIONS:

Clothing—There is urgent need for clothing, used and new, of all kinds and for all ages—for babies, for boys and girls, and for adults. Needs: suits, coats, dresses, layettes, underwear, shoes (not with high heels; tied in pairs), caps, sweaters, scarfs, socks, stockings, mitts. Also needed: blankets, quilts, cot quilts, towels, sheets, or hospital supplies; and thread, needles, pins, safety pins, tape, buttons.

Send only *clean* articles.

Greeting cards, or letters, with the donor's name and address, may be put in pockets of clothing.

Money—The treasurer of the local committee will receive the gifts of money and forward the congregation's contribution to Mr. E. W. McNeill, our Church Treasurer. The money will be used for food to be bought, *by bulk in Canada,* by the Central Committee for shipment overseas; and for shipping costs.

Congregations are being encouraged to bring clothing, and gifts of money, to the church building on certain Sundays. ''The bringing of these gifts, in faith and obedience, may be a true act of thanksgiving and of worship, and may redound to the sense of unity and fellowship in the congregation.''

Our Presbyterian Inter-Board Committee looks to the people of our congregations to take a large part in sending relief to those in Europe who are in desperate straits for lack of food and clothing. And in this effort to which we are called by our Church, and by our own recognition of the appalling need, *all* can share—men, women, boys and girls—by giving money, materials, or work.

Boys at Orphanage in Rome wearing smocks made from sacks that the Church World Service sent with supplies.

Estimates for 1948

By Mrs. Daniel Strachan

THE estimates for 1948 will be found in this month's *Glad Tidings* and are given as passed at the Council meeting in October. If before reading these estimates you glance at the end, you will see that the total estimate is $176,316, as compared with $154,000 for 1947. Many will ask why such a big increase, can we raise it and on what is so large a sum to be spent?

First. The greatly increased cost of living, which affects all salaries in Canada and overseas and also increases greatly the cost of administering the work, and the increase in the cost of travel, both at home and to and from overseas fields.

Second. Doors reopened and new doors opened in overseas fields. We have prayed for this—dare we draw back and begin to count the cost?

Third. If the estimate were not increased, it would mean no money for new missionaries, which would mean refusing candidates who wish to dedicate their lives to the service of Christ. Let us remember also that the estimate of $176,316 is smaller than that for the years from 1929 to 1932.

For 1929 the estimate was	$180,000
For 1930	$185,000
For 1931	$190,000
For 1932	$190,000
For 1933	$171,000

And then our Executive listened to a plea for a reduction, and a steady decline began. That is why I do not listen to pleas for reduction. What the Women's Missionary Society has done once it can do again. I do wish to thank the delegates to the Council meeting for their understanding of the need and their unanimity in accepting the increase. It was a heartening session.

In 1946 the average givings per member was $5.50 a year. In 1948 it will require to be $6.20, an increase of 70 cents. This does not include Mission Bands and Girls' Groups.

And now let us examine the 1948 estimate. The Work among Chinese in Canada shows an increase of $1,432, accounted for, first, by the salary of Miss Kong in Toronto—she comes from China, well educated and fills a great need; second, by an increase in the salaries of all Chinese missionaries. They all have fine qualifications and the Executive feel should have as good salaries as the Canadians on the staff.

In the Indian work the estimate remains the same, not because an increase is not necessary but because the Women's Missionary Society has no more money to put in. Unless there is an increase in the Government per capita grant, we will be embarrassed. The cost of maintenance and the necessary increase in salaries has been very considerable. In addition to salary, the Principal and the staff have free furnished house, food and laundry, which in these days is quite an asset.

The Deaconess Department shows an increase of $2,762, but this does not represent an increase of work. This work could and should have been extended but no deaconesses were available. For this reason, the work and number of deaconesses has been cut in the last few years from 22 deaconesses to eight. Now, however, we are allowing in the 1948 estimates for three new deaconesses.

In the Children's Work we have had to drop the work in Tyndale House, Montreal, for lack of a trained worker. This should be remedied soon.

To the Immigration Committee is given the salary of a port worker and her expenses; and, while the port is closed, up to $75.00 a month is given for stenographic help.

At St. Margaret's Girls' Centre the maintenance has been covered by $700, because there is a year's experience behind us.

In the Overseas work the name of only one new missionary is seen in India, Miss Hazel Reaveley in the Jhansi field. The estimates in both fields are increased slightly and of course the Peace Thanksgiving fund, Christian literature and grants and legacies greatly increase the amounts for India.

In China it is good to see provision made for a Chinese nurse to assist Mrs. Gehman, who has been bearing too heavy a burden.

Formosa gives one of the biggest lifts to the estimate, $10,400, but who would forgo this? The year 1947 has seen much money sent as special gifts and legacies, etc., but only three salaries were estimated for, now it is good to be really at work again.

The British Guiana estimate is the same. Here, too, work should be increased and more missionaries used.

Then comes a very big item—travelling expenses for overseas missionaries to and from their fields. This is beyond our control and we certainly do not grudge our missionaries their furlough. When they arrive in Canada, those whose salaries are below $1,200, receive $1,200 while on furlough; that accounts for the item ''furlough salary adjustments''.

An estimate of $5,600 is allowed for the salaries and travel of three new missionaries. Which of our needy fields will get one? Some of our members have asked why the salaries of our overseas missionaries are less than those of our national workers and the office staff. This seems a good opportunity to list the benefits which are additional to the salaries of overseas missionaries as listed and which no one in Canada receives.

Each new missionary upon appointment to a field is given $200 as a personal outfit allowance, for which she is not required to give an account. She is also supplied with flat silver, bedding and table linen, which she takes to her field. These are the property of the mission and are renewed as required. Our missionaries have adequately furnished living quarters free of rent. They also receive yearly holiday allowances and, because of climatic conditions, their holiday is longer than that of missionaries in Canada. When they come on furlough, their entire travel expense is paid by the Society. They also receive medical benefits which up to the present have not been enjoyed by workers in Canada. A cost of living bonus is also given to those on the field whose salaries are less than $1,200. As an example of the value of all this to the overseas missionary, we would point out that her salary of $1,200 is equivalent to a salary of $1,800, were she serving in Canada or on our staff in the Toronto office.

The Publications estimate is increased by a well merited addition to the salaries of the Editor and the Secretary of the Literature Department and $25 more for the *Junior Leader.*

The Organizations estimate makes provision for an increase in the salary of the Young Women's Travelling Secretary, provision for stenographic work for the Girls' Work Secretary, and $100 extra for camps and conferences.

The estimate for Visual Education and for Student work remains the same.

Christian Literature is increased by only $100, and what a pity in face of the importance of the work and the great need and demand! *The Christian Home,* India, and the *Christian Farmer,* China, are each given $100 increases, and Christian Literature for Women and Children in China (Miss Brown) is increased, $200, and a new estimate appears for $200 for *L'Aurore.* Two estimates are dropped, that to the American Bible Society, and to Latin America, while that to the Committee on World Literacy is reduced by $100.

The grants are reduced from $3,960 to $1,760. This is due to our decision to give no more to Orphaned Missions, which released $2,000. The Women's Missionary Society has given $28,700 to this cause. Then, too, the $200 to Ludhiana Medical College now comes from the Peace Thanksgiving Fund for the education of girls from the Jhansi field.

In Administration the increase of $1,507 is accounted for by increases in the salaries of the Overseas and National Executive Secretaries, the Accountant, the Secretary of the Council Executive and the Stenographer-Secretary, in all, $600; an increase of $700 for Council expenses, necessitated by the increased representation, and $207 in General Expense.

This then is the work to which the attention of our women must be directed in 1948. Four things I would ask of our members:

First, a revision of all estimates for Presbyterials and Auxiliaries.

Second, adequate support of the work for which we are responsible. Our own Church missions should take precedence over other mission claims.

Third, a realization that our work to-day must be better done, our missionaries in Canada and overseas must be better trained, every new method for the presentation of the Gospel Message must be used.

Fourth, that we all regard mission work as world-wide and that we make no difference in our mind between Home and Foreign, but simply look at it all as work towards establishing the Church in the world.

John Geddie, that great Canadian foreign missionary, said that "the more ardent he became in the Advocacy of Foreign Missions, the deeper he became attached to Home Missions". He also believed he could not be too well equipped, so he learned the rudiments of printing, house carpentry, and boat building and took a short course in medicine.

Would you win all the world for Christ
One way there is and only one;
You must live Christ from day to day,
And see His will be done.

Only by treading in His steps
The all-compelling ways of Love
Shall earth be won and man made one
With that Great Love above.

» W.M.S. ESTIMATES *for* 1948 «

NATIONAL MISSIONS

CHINESE IN CANADA

Montreal, Quebec—

Miss Muriel Judd, Salary	$1,300.00	
Expenses	110.00	
Mrs. G. P. Louie, Salary	1,050.00	
Expenses	110.00	
Share of conduct of Mission	300.00	
		$2,870.00

Toronto, Ontario—

Miss Fay McTavish, Salary	$1,400.00	
Expenses	250.00	
Miss S. P. Kong, Salary	1,050.00	
Expenses	110.00	
Rent of Y.M.C.I.	300.00	
		$3,110.00

Vancouver, B.C.—

Miss Ruth Yeandle, Salary	$1,400.00	
Expenses	110.00	
Miss Susan Yeung, Salary	1,050.00	
Expenses	55.00	
Assistant	720.00	
Rent paid to Chinese Presbyterian Church	200.00	
		$3,535.00

Victoria, B.C.—

Miss Gertrude Scott, Salary	$1,400.00	
Miss Grace Lee, Salary	1,050.00	
Expenses	40.00	
		$2,490.00
Department Contingency		100.00
		$12,105.00

INDIAN RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS

Birtle, Manitoba—

Principal's Salary	$1,400.00	
Matron's Salary	500.00	
Taxes	80.00	
		$1,980.00

Mistawasis, Saskatchewan—

Maintenance and Fuel	300.00	
Board of Children	150.00	
		$450.00

Cecilia Jeffrey, Kenora, Ontario—		
Principal's Salary	$1,450.00	
Matron's Salary	500.00	
		$1,950.00
		$4,380.00

(Balance of Salaries and Expenses are paid from grants from the Department of Indian Affairs.)

DEACONESS DEPARTMENT

Toronto, Ontario—		
Mrs. S. M. Gillespie, Salary	$1,500.00	
Expenses	150.00	
Mrs. C. Steinmetz, (part time) Salary	600.00	
Expenses	57.50	
Mrs. M. Fesenko, Salary	600.00	
Expenses	57.50	
Miss Helen Ross, Salary	1,500.00	
Expenses	125.00	
		$4,590.00
Hamilton, Ontario—		
Miss M. Allan, Salary	$1,500.00	
Expenses	110.00	
		$1,610.00
Sarnia Presbytery—		
Miss Evelyn Walker, Salary	$1,200.00	
Expenses	110.00	
		$1,310.00
Victoria Presbytery—		
Miss Marjorie MacKay, Salary	$1,500.00	
Expenses	150.00	
		$1,650.00
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan—		
Miss Isabel Scott, Salary	$1,500.00	$1,500.00
Manitoba and Saskatchewan Regional Work—		
Miss Ruby Walker, Salary	$1,500.00	
Travelling Expenses (2 provinces)	300.00	
Living Allowance	400.00	
		$2,200.00
Alberta Regional Work—		
Miss Athalie Read, Salary	$1,500.00	
Travelling Expenses	200.00	
Living Allowance	300.00	
		$2,000.00
Student Deaconesses, Salaries and Expenses		1,000.00
Deaconesses, Salaries and Expenses		4,000.00
Department Contingency		550.00
Car Depreciation		350.00
		$20,760.00

CHILDREN'S WORK

Vancouver, B.C.—

Superintendent's Salary	$1,600.00	
Assistant	1,100.00	
House Help and Expenses	1,000.00	
		$3,700.00

IMMIGRATION COMMITTEE

Port Worker	$1,200.00	
Expenses	200.00	
		$1,400.00

ST. MARGARET'S GIRLS' CENTRE

Mrs. J. McPhee, Salary	$1,500.00	
Assistant's Salary	900.00	
Maintenance	1,900.00	
		$4,300.00

INSURANCE AND TAXES

Insurance	$465.00	
Taxes	265.00	
		$730.00

TOTAL OF NATIONAL MISSIONS	$47,375.00

OVERSEAS MISSIONS

INDIA

Jhansi Field—

Miss Irene Stringer	$1,200.00	
Miss Lily Simpson	1,200.00	
Miss Edith Magee	1,000.00	
Mrs. C. P. Young	800.00	
Miss Hazel Reaveley	800.00	
		$5,000.00
Increased Living Allowances (3)	$ 300.00	
Vacation Allowances (4)	300.00	
Educational	7,550.00	
Evangelistic	2,000.00	
Medical	1,128.00	
Orphans	1,071.00	
Language Study	300.00	
Miscellaneous	1,317.00	
Honorarium, Treasurer	100.00	
		$14,066.00
		$19,066.00

Bhil Field—

Miss Isabel McConnell	$1,200.00	
Miss Bessie MacMurchy	1,200.00	
Miss Marion Williamson	1,200.00	
Miss Ellen Douglas	1,200.00	
Miss Mary Sherrick	1,000.00	
Miss Margaret Kennedy	900.00	
Miss Beatrice Scott	900.00	
Miss Gertrude Rollo	800.00	
		$8,400.00

Increased Living Allowances		$ 200.00	
Vacation Allowances (5)		375.00	
Educational		7,280.00	
Evangelistic		1,648.00	
Medical		5,897.00	
Miscellaneous		975.00	
Language Study		300.00	
Biblewomen for Barwani	$500.00		
Received from Special Legacy and Gift	500.00		
			$16,675.00
			$25,075.00

Total for India—Jhansi Field	$19,066.00
Bhil Field	25,075.00
	$44,141.00

CHINA

China—		
Mrs. Mildred Gehman, Salary	$1,200.00	
Chinese Nurse for Kienshui	1,200.00	
Expenses for Mrs. Gehman	800.00	
Grant to Church of Christ in China	3,700.00	
		$6,900.00
Formosa—		
Miss Hildur Hermanson	$1,200.00	
Miss Dorothy Douglas	1,200.00	
Miss Isabel Taylor	1,200.00	
		$3,600.00
Vacation Allowances	$ 225.00	
Living Allowances	600.00	
Tamsui Girls' School	2,000.00	
Training School for Aborigines	2,000.00	
Women's Bible School	2,500.00	
Evangelism	1,000.00	
Allowance for work of married women missionaries	400.00	
Allowance for Preachers' Wives Conference	75.00	
Taxes and maintenance	400.00	
Travel on field	700.00	
Language Study	200.00	
Miscellaneous, Stationery, etc.	300.00	
		$10,400.00
		$14,000.00

BRITISH GUIANA

Salaries—		
Miss Margaret Ramsay	$1,200.00	
Miss Ellen Anderson	1,200.00	
Miss Edna Goodwill	800.00	
Miss Elspeth Davidson	800.00	
		$4,000.00
Living Allowances (2)	$ 400.00	
Vacation Allowances	75.00	

Evangelistic and Maintenance	3,100.00	
Car Allowance	175.00	
Salaries Native Deaconesses (2)	600.00	
		$4,350.00
		$8,350.00

For further benefits to overseas missionaries see Treasurer's article on Estimates.

MISSIONARIES' EXPENSES

Travel—Return to India:		
Miss McConnell	$ 800.00	
Miss Scott	800.00	
Miss Stringer	800.00	
From India:		
Miss Sherrick	800.00	
To and from British Guiana:		
Miss Ramsay, Miss Anderson, Miss Goodwill	1,500.00	
		$4,700.00
Furlough Salary Adjustment—		
Miss Scott	$ 200.00	
Miss Sherrick	200.00	
Miss Goodwill	200.00	
		$ 600.00
Medical and Travel	$700.00	$700.00
Three new missionaries—Salaries, Travel		$5,600.00
		$11,600.00

OVERSEAS TOTAL

India	$44,141.00	
China	6,900.00	
Formosa	14,000.00	
British Guiana	8,350.00	
Missionaries' Expenses	11,600.00	
		$84,991.00

PUBLICATIONS

Literature and Glad Tidings

Salaries—		
Miss Helen Mackintosh, Editor	$1,800.00	
Miss Louise Reith, Secretary-Treasurer of Literature Department	1,800.00	
Miss Beatrice Worthington, Stenographer	1,200.00	
Miss Grace Billinger, Steno-Bookkeeper	1,200.00	
Office Rent (part)	1,020.00	
Mission Band, *Junior Leader*	225.00	
Mimeographing	60.00	
Free Leaflets	225.00	
Free Literature	400.00	
Annual Report	1,500.00	
Tabulated Forms	215.00	
		$9,645.00

ORGANIZATION

Miss Lily Macarthur, Children's Work Secretary, Salary	$1,700.00	
Miss Helen Scott, Young Women's Travelling Secretary, Salary	1,600.00	
Miss Margaret Webster, Girls' Work Secretary, Salary (part)	900.00	
Toward stenographic help for Miss Webster	300.00	
Expenses (travelling secretaries and missionaries)	1,600.00	
Railway fares of Field Secretaries	600.00	
Camp Work and Conferences	1,250.00	
Grants to Synodicals	700.00	
		$8,650.00

VISUAL EDUCATION

Department Expenditure	$ 850.00

STUDENT

Department Expenditure	$ 500.00

CHRISTIAN LITERATURE

Committee on Christian Literature for Women and Children in Mission Fields, Inc.	$300.00	
Ukrainian Literature	400.00	
Christian Literature for British Guiana	250.00	
Christian Literature for India, "The Christian Home"	200.00	
Christian Literature for India, through the National Christian Council (Dr. Manikam)	200.00	
The British and Foreign Bible Society	300.00	
The Christian Farmer, China	600.00	
Christian Literature for Women and Children in China (Miss Brown)	700.00	
Christian Literature for Africa, through Miss Wrong	400.00	
Committee on World Literacy and Christian Literature (for Japan and Korea)	100.00	
Christian Literature for Formosa	200.00	
French Literature in Canada, through Rev. J. A. Smith	350.00	
L'Aurore	200.00	
		$4,200.00

GRANTS

Foreign Missions Conference	$ 300.00	
United Nations Society	10.00	
Missionary Education Movement	50.00	
Canadian School of Missions	425.00	
Lecturers, Missionary and Deaconess Training School	300.00	
India:		
National Christian Council	75.00	
All-India Christian Medical College, Vellore	500.00	
Landour Hospital	100.00	
		$1,760.00

ADMINISTRATION

Salaries—

Miss Laura K. Pelton, Overseas Executive Secretary	$1,900.00
Miss Frieda Matthews, National Executive Secretary	1,800.00
Miss Nellie W. Smith, Accountant	1,800.00

Miss Olive Grant, Council Executive Secretary	1,700.00	
Miss Vera Carson, Steno-Secretary	1,400.00	
Miss Joyce Evans, Steno-Bookkeeper	1,200.00	
Rent (part)	1,320.00	
Auditing	300.00	
General Expenses	2,225.00	
Council Meeting	3,800.00	
Expenses of Executive Secretaries	150.00	
Deputation	500.00	
Exchange	150.00	
Life Membership	100.00	
		$18,345.00

SUMMARY

National Missions	$47,375.00	
Overseas Missions	84,991.00	
Publications	9,645.00	
Organization	8,650.00	
Visual Education	850.00	
Student	500.00	
Christian Literature	4,200.00	
Grants	1,760.00	
Administration	18,345.00	
		$176,316.00

New Organizations

British Columbia

Westminster Presbyterial—Explorers' Group, Cooke's Church, Chilliwack. Leader, Miss Audrey Hodgins, R. R. 1, Chilliwack.

Saskatchewan

Prince Albert Presbyterial—Cameron Mission Band, Melfort (reorganized). Leader, Miss Isa McHarg, 316 Crawford Avenue.

Hamilton and London

London Presbyterial—Mission Band, Appin. Leader, Mrs. Otis F. McGregor.

Sarnia Presbyterial—Girls' Mission Band, Strathroy. Leader, Mrs. Hugh McDonald. Boys' Mission Band, Strathroy. Leader, Mr. Clarence Mitchell. (Both Bands reorganized.)

Toronto and Kingston

Guelph Presbyterial—Explorers' Group, Knox Church, Guelph. Leader, Mrs. C. L. Sharpe, 166 Wyndham Street.

Orangeville Presbyterial—Explorers' Group, Hillsburgh. Leader, Mrs. M. Nodwell.

Saugeen Presbyterial—Mission Band, Harriston (reorganized). Leader, Mrs. Archie McCready.

Toronto Presbyterial—"Little Sunbeams" Mission Band, Long Branch. Leader, Mrs. C. Rae, 32-24th Street. Explorers' Group, Calvin Church, Toronto. Leader, Miss Margaret MacKenzie, 98 Winona Drive.

Good Wishes of Ukrainian Presbyterian Women

"ZINOCHE Tovarystvo pry Ukrainski Presvyterski Tserkvi v Toronto vitae vsich z dnem Rizdva Chrystovoho. Chrystos Narodyvsia! My schiro diakuemo zinotstvu Presvyterskoi Tserkvy scho cherez Zinoche Misijne Tovarystvo tak schedro pomohae nam oblehchyty velyku nuzdu i terpinnia skitaltsiv."

The meaning of the message in English: The Women's Association of the Ukrainian Presbyterian Church in Toronto wishes all Christmas blessings. Christ is born! We thank from our hearts all the ladies of the Presbyterian Church who through the Women's Missionary Society so generously are helping us to lighten the great need and suffering of refugees in Europe.

Note—The traditional Ukrainian Christmas is January 6.

Our Women's Work. Ukrainian Mission, Toronto

UKRAINE was devastated in the last war. Hundreds of thousands of refugees, not only the young and strong but old men, women, children and babies, in fear before communist armies sought refuge in allied zones. They are destitute and are in need of clothing and food. Descriptions of their miseries that reach Canada move deeply the hearts of our women. So our work this winter is centred around the sending of help to the hungry and clothing the naked. Our women come together and spend busy evenings preparing parcels for refugees. We raise ourselves the funds to pay for parcel post. Thanks to the generosity of the Women's Missionary Society we have this year enough clothing to keep us occupied for some weeks. Before this need, annual bazaars, socials, dinners and other meetings take second place. Many of these activities are cancelled for lack of time. I would like at this opportunity to thank the ladies of the Women's Missionary Society for their generous assistance with clothing and I would like to pass on to them the many thanks and grateful acknowledgements from those who received the help in Europe. I am enclosing

Liudviga

a picture which a little girl, Liudviga, recently sent to us. She is seen dressed in the things we sent to her. The complete outfit on her is from the parcel we sent to her from our church. On the other side of the picture she has written: ''As token of gratitude to the good giver for a timely gift. I thank you. Liudviga.''

—(Mrs. Michael) Julia Fesenko.

Message from the Hungarian Presbyterian Women

AZ igazi szeretet minden idoben a szolgalat mögé rejtozködik. Amikor Jézus tanitvanyait megakarta tanitani arra, hogy egymast mennyire szeressék, akor nem tartott nekik prédikaciót a szeretetrol, hanem levetette felsoruhajat, korülkotötte magat, vizet töltott a medencébe és mosni kezdé a labaikat.

(In English)—True love always conceals itself in service. When Jesus wanted to teach His disciples how much they should love one another, He did not deliver a sermon on love, but laid aside His garments and took a towel, and girded Himself, and poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet.

Women's Group in Toronto

IN the Hungarian Presbyterian Church in Toronto there is a group of women known as the ''Noegylet'' or Women's Association, who have met regularly and loyally for the last fifteen years. Like the mother in the home, caring for the physical comfort of her family, the ''Noegylet'' also serves in various capacities. But our ''Noegylet'' does more than care for the physical needs of the congregation. As ''man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God'', so our women meet to hear the Word, too. At every meeting the Word of God is studied and meditated upon, and thus women, proclaiming it for women, help uphold the Gospel in our midst. This spirit has quickened the group and bound together into Christian fellowship a body of good-hearted, generous women, devoted to Christian service among our Hungarian compatriots in Toronto.

Happy New Year! Boldog Ujévet!

—(Mrs. Charles) Beatrice Steinmetz.

Greetings from Our French Members in Montreal

QUE la nouvelle année vous apporte la joie, la force et la vie! Nous souhaitons à toutes les dames missionnaires du Canada une année sainte, et laborieuse. Nous demandons au Dieu tout puissant de bénir toutes nos œuvres et nos projets, que Sa main nous guide et nous soutienne tous. Mystérieuse, incertaine est l'année nouvelle, mais elle est entre les mains de Dieu. Et y entrer en mettant notre main dans la sienne est le plus sûr moyen de tenir ferme. Que nous servirait-il, en vérité, de connaître par avance tous les détails de l'année qui commence si nous étions seuls pour les affronter et les vivre?

Chacune à notre poste, de faire de l'an nouveau ce que Dieu veut qu'il soit, l'an de grâce 1948.

Les Dames missionnaires de l'Eglise presbytérienne St. Luc à Montréal.

—Mme. Arthur Lapalme, secrétaire.

THE Women's Missionary Society Auxiliary of our church (St. Luc) was formed in 1940. We have always met our allocation, although we have few regular members. We hope more of our ladies will come to understand the great work this society is doing and assume their responsibilities as members of a group.

The French work in the province of Quebec is steadily gaining ground, for which we thank God and give unto His Name the glory.

Last November l'Eglise St. Luc celebrated its twelfth anniversary and it is now entering into adolescence, as one might put it, assuming more responsibilities and independence. It is also called upon to play the rôle of big sister to l'Eglise des Cantons de l'Est and l'Eglise St. André at Granby. This demands self-sacrifice and goodwill on its part to share with them its minister until a deaconess and two assistants may be found to lighten the task of a threefold ministry.

L'église des Cantons de l'Est (Eastern Townships) is now the baby of the French work, but a remarkably strong and independent one. Not yet a year old, it is already standing on its two feet and ready to walk with very little help. This group of about forty are second generation Protestants who have known nothing but neglect for the past twenty years; consequently, they have lost some of their children through mixed marriages. Upon their own initiative last winter they asked Mr. Smith for occasional worship services. During August, Mr. Smith spending his holidays in the region, regular worship services were held at Danville, which were so encouraging that a board of managers was named and it was decided to continue during the winter at Richmond twice a month. Since then a W.A.S. has been organized and in the near future we hope to have elders and possibly a Women's Missionary Group.

Most of you heard something of the Granby Mission when Mr. Smith began holding meetings there during the week two years ago. These meetings have been suspended for a year because no suitable hall is available. Very recently the French Committee purchased a building, which is to be made over; when it is ready, the meetings will be resumed and the work begun in earnest. We have met with many difficulties at Granby, such as no meeting-place, poor co-operation from the English residents and other denominations, and even persecution from the Roman Catholics, but with this new opening and God's help we hope the new mission will prosper. Remember us in your prayers to this effect.

There is an immediate need for French students to whom the course of theology is open. There is a pressing need for a school, to educate the children in their own tongue; through them we could reach the parents. And there is the radio, which would enable us to reach hundreds of people who are afraid to show up but not afraid to listen in. For these three urgent and vital projects we ask your prayers, your assistance and co-operation. May God help us to realize them in the near future.

—(Mrs. J. A.) Hélène Smith.

The Message of the New Year

I asked the New Year for some message sweet,
Some rule of life with which to guide my feet,
I asked, and paused: he answered soft and low:
''God's will to know.''

''Will knowledge then suffice, New Year?'' I cried;
And, ere the question into silence died,
The answer came, ''Nay, but remember, too,
God's will to do.''

Once more I asked, ''Is there no more to tell?''
And once again the answer sweetly fell,
''Yes! this thing every other thing above:
God's will to love.''

—Woman's Work.

Prayer

O GOD, our loving Heavenly Father, we come to Thee on the threshold of a new year with a song of gratitude in our hearts for Thy blessings during the year just ended. We thank Thee for bountiful provision for our temporal needs, food, clothing, shelter, for friends and loved ones, for comfort and help received in prayer at the Throne of Grace; but especially we thank Thee for the Word of Life freely proclaimed from pulpits in our land and coming to us on the air, the Gospel of Thy Son Jesus Christ, who is the Bread of Life.

We confess with penitence that we are unworthy of Thy goodness, that we have been selfish and lukewarm in Thy service, unmindful of the needs of others and of Thy Great Commission. We pray that Thou wilt forgive our sins and short-comings. Fill our hearts with Thy Holy Spirit, enlighten our minds that we may know Thy will for us, and make us zealous in Thy service.

Bless, we pray Thee, Thy Church Universal; uphold and strengthen small groups of Christians throughout the world and those who are persecuted because of their loyalty to their Lord and Master. Bless the branch of Thy Church to which we belong. We thank Thee for what it has accomplished for Thee in bygone days. Grant that in our day and generation it may continue to go forward, that from the highest to the humblest we may realize the privilege of serving Thee and being used to help win Canada and the world for Christ.

We thank Thee for our missionaries who have returned to their fields in Formosa. Protect and guide them and grant that they may soon be encouraged by the coming of reinforcements. May Thy blessing rest upon the people whom they would bring out of darkness into the light and liberty of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Bless our workers in British Guiana and in India, as they seek to spread Thy Gospel there, and guard and sustain Thy people. Grant that those who have long been serving Thee at home and abroad may never falter, that young untried workers may not be dismayed by difficulty or danger, but upheld by a vision of the risen Christ, all may work valiantly for Thee, to the end that Thy Kingdom come and Thy will be done on earth as in heaven. Grant that we, too, may be inspired by Thy Holy Spirit to serve Thee with sincerity in our homes and churches, ever giving first place to the things of Thy Kingdom.

Forgive our many sins and draw us ever nearer to Thyself. We ask all in the precious Name of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

Marvel Not

EVERY now and then the surface of the ecclesiastical world is ruffled by the pronouncements of some professing Christian who would like to delete miracles from the Bible because they trouble his mental processes, and who brings his difficulties to either pulpit or press. It puzzles me to imagine how one could take miracles from our faith when we know that the Christian Church had its inception through and is founded upon the miracle of the Resurrection. Paul realized that when he wrote to the Corinthian brethren: ''If Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain.'' Suppose for a moment that one could leave the miracles recorded in the Gospels out of consideration, would one then be free from the inexplicable? Life is full of mystery. It presses in upon us from every side. I am told that no physiologist can see or place the point at which nourishment becomes living tissue. Nevertheless we eat our meals and subsist thereby. Lord Kelvin said that, after a lifetime spent in studying and dealing with electricity, he was as far as ever from being able to define or understand it. But he could apply it to the conditions and needs of life. Think of this earth on which we dwell, a vast globe moving through space! Go out on any fine winter night and look up at the dome of heaven with its myriad twinkling stars, and the wonder of it will overwhelm you. Henry Drummond once said that he marvelled that any man without faith in God could preserve his sanity. . . . The true penitent does not argue about the other wonderful works of Christ, for he is absorbed by the Miracle of Grace in his own soul.

Upon the Cross of Jesus mine eye at times can see
The very dying form of One who suffered there for me,
And from my stricken heart with tears, two wonders I confess—
The wonder of redeeming love, and my own worthlessness.

—*Helen Fairbairn.*

"The Answer is There"

FOR the 1947 Popular Report of the British and Foreign Bible Society the Rev. John Patten, the Society's Editorial Secretary, chose the title, ''The Answer is There''. Reviewing the reports received from their representatives in all parts of the world, with their evidence of chaotic conditions in most countries and troubled, perplexed peoples, he tells how during the year the British and Foreign Bible Society ''offered to perplexed humanity that Book which to the sincere seeker after truth is always a lamp unto his feet and a light unto his path''.

The real answer to the world's problems, he would show, is not to be found in totalitarianism or communism, or in science, impressive as its achievements have been, but in the Word of God. ''The Bible is God's answer to man's perplexity.'' Through chapter after chapter he develops this theme, with illustrations drawn from stories and reports from Bible Society representatives and missionaries in all parts of the world. ''It is the universal Book, and the Bible Society has made it universally known and loved.''

Language has been no barrier to the spread of the Bible, as translators have been giving it to the people in their own languages. So far it has been translated into more than a thousand languages—five new versions were issued during the year. The movements towards literacy, although falling short of what was hoped for, make translation of the Scriptures all the more important. In Asia, Africa and South America, thousands of people have been learning to read—and ''every new reader is a call to the Bible Society to place in his hands the story of Jesus''.

The Society's work was being reorganized in many countries of Europe and Asia, and an earnest effort made to supply the people with the Scriptures. But the shortage of Bibles is constantly emphasized, and the need of workers. In many cases the colporteurs who formerly carried on the work were scattered during the war, and new men have to be found; but many voluntary workers have been helping, so that the Bible may be given to those who are asking for it, many for the first time. In France over 206,000 volumes were circulated during the year; in Belgium, 72,000; in Poland, 54,734; and in Czechoslovakia, 55,000; and in Austria, where a new interest in Bible study was reported, there was a circulation of 37,000, nearly four times that of the year before—and ''it would have been doubled if supplies had not run out''. In India the new Bible Society reported a circulation of 1,096,715 Bibles, New Testaments and portions. Everywhere the demand was great. Even with inflation prices the Chinese are eager to buy Bibles. In the north and the west of China, it is reported, ''the zeal of the young students in accepting and studying the Scriptures is unprecedented''. Thus, in spite of the shortage of supplies, of paper and printing presses; in spite of difficulties of transport, control of foreign exchange, and other restrictions, the work is going forward, carrying light into many lands that have long been in darkness.

The Society's income for the year was a record one, more than £530,000 having been received—and that without the proceeds of sales and subscriptions in India, which now has its own Bible Society. Of this total, the Auxiliaries in Britain contributed over £102,000; and gifts from other countries were larger than ever before, amounting to £161,000, of which £74,200 was sent from Canada. Generous as the response has been, however, the need is greater.

National Christian Council's Relief Work in India

Dr. R. B. Manikam, secretary of the National Christian Council, who was a member of the Fellowship Mission to Churches in Britain and America and a delegate to the International Missionary meeting in Whitby, tells of conditions in India when he and Mrs. Manikam returned home in October, and of work being done in connection with refugees and the food shortage.

. . . We had about a hundred missionaries travelling with us to India—the largest single group to arrive in India for many a year.

How did we find India on our arrival? An absence of nine months from this country is not a long period, but in terms of momentous changes that have taken place in India, surely we ran into a new India quite different from the one we left in January of this year! The biggest problem facing us at present is the refugee problem. The Hindus in Pakistan are migrating every day into the Dominion of India, and the Moslems in the northern part of the Dominion of India are in turn going into Pakistan and their total number is ten million—the largest migration in modern history. If it was a simple exchange of population, it may not be so bad, but the bloody happenings that have accompanied these migrations are a disgrace to our country. Nagpur is very quiet as also South India. Only North India is in turmoil but conditions are gradually improving there. The National Christian Council has been wide-awake to the situation and has initiated a good refugee relief work. I state here below what we of the National Christian Council have been able to do so far:

Our refugee relief work continues in five camps in Delhi, three of which are for non-Muslims and two for Muslims. From out-stations we have received in an increasing measure a large number of workers. We have sent out two relief parties to the East Punjab. Two more will be going to Amritsar and Ferezepore. One mobile unit is already at work in West Punjab, where Dr. J. C. Mandry is directing relief work. Dr. E. D. Lucas has arrived in India by air and will be assuming the

Directorship of refugee relief work as soon as possible. The conditions in all these areas are simply appalling. Transport facilities are in many places non-existent except by plane. With the cold weather approaching, the need for warm clothing would be very great.

In addition to refugee relief we are doing what we can to help the Government in connection with food shortage. Already Mr. Asaf Ali has made an appeal at Washington for more foodstuffs for India. It is true, conditions in Bengal and Madras have temporarily improved but the tragic happenings in the Punjab, which has always been a surplus area, has brought agriculture in that area to a standstill. It will take a long time to get the migrated cultivators to settle on new lands and resort to agriculture. This is a dark picture indeed but we are doing the best we can to serve India and we are most thankful therefore for the generous help that the Church World Service has been rendering us. . . .

We thank God for His travel mercies to us on our voyage to and fro. We are glad that we were able to meet our very many old friends and make new ones. We are happy that we can have a part now in the shaping and moulding of life in this present-day India. . . .

From Kienshui

Acknowledging the receipt of money sent for literature and furnishings for the nurses' residence, Mrs. Gehman writes (Nov. 13)

THE first shipment of literature arrived last week. . . . About half the money for the nursing school is already spent. Furniture was made locally and the girls' rooms look very nice indeed. Their living-room is quite attractive. More furniture is yet to be made and we haven't started on equipment for the demonstration rooms. The nurses now have a very nice court to themselves and seem very happy in their new quarters; and we at last have Christian literature that will interest our patients and pamphlets to send home with them. Thanks to Knox Church, Toronto.

. . . Our Yunnan Mission Conference was a time of fellowship in Christ and of learning to know one another. I enjoyed the visit of Dr. Tsai (of the General Assembly) very much, as did everyone else. The highlight of the Conference to me was hearing some of our nurses pray for the first time during our last Bible study period. When they came to us some of them didn't want to go to prayer service, didn't want to go to church. So we have reason to hope and rejoice. We are hoping and praying they will take their stand for Christ at Christmas.

The Hsings are leaving for a visit home at the end of this month. They have not been home for over ten years and are very anxious about their loved ones in occupied areas. They will be away five or six months. I don't know yet who is to relieve them. It is almost impossible to find a doctor willing to come to an isolated area.

Dr. Chou (Mrs. Hsing), Dr. Hsing, and Kai Kun

Last week an army officer's head hung on our city's east gate for several days. He was suspected of withholding confiscated goods, so had fled the city to become a bandit chief. A year ago he used to visit our wards to see some of his men who had been wounded fighting bandits. Such is the fate of a bandit if caught in Kienshui. The heads are always hung up during market day so that all may see. There have been several since my arrival two years ago.

Kienshui Church After Two Years

We are indebted to Mrs. Gehman for a copy of the report on the Kienshui Church that Pastor Wen gave to the Mission Conference in Kienshui in the latter part of October.

FROM the beginning two years before, both evangelistic and medical work had been carried on at Kienshui, South Yunnan. In September 1945 the old temple, Chu Kuo Miao, was rented for both church and hospital and "the first Sunday service was held upstairs on November 25th, 1945". Mr. T. H. Teng and his family had come earlier that month, and in December came Mr. Wu Chi-Feng and his family and Mrs. Gehman as a missionary nurse. "The first celebration of Christmas created a great sensation." In the spring another building was secured for a church, and since May 1st, 1946, services have been held there. Other activities mentioned by Pastor Wen included an English class, a singing class, a Young People's Fellowship group, and preaching in the country and in the prison; later classes for illiterates were opened. (In the meantime Mr. Wu had left.)

When Pastor Wen reported to the Conference in October, there were 61 adult church members, 40 women and 21 men, and 5 boys and 2 girls. So far in 1947 sixteen had been baptized. Fourteen members had left the city. Of the 61 adults then on the roll, 20 were from other provinces. Pastor Wen, noting that few children had been baptized, adds, ''Some have the idea that once their daughters are baptized they find it hard to find husbands!''

''We have sixteen enquirers whose names are in our register. Most of them come to the Sunday service and a few attend the Bible class. One or two of our old ladies are so enthusiastic that they often lead other ladies to our worship and prayer meetings.

''The two regular church workers and their wives are Mr. and Mrs. Teng and Pastor and Mrs. Wen. Because of hard work Mr. Teng's health failed, and he had to have a long rest. But he is now much better, for which we are grateful to God. Pastor and Mrs. Wen came in February 1947. They lived in the church for some time, then moved to a separate residence, where they are more comfortable and Mrs. Wen's health is much better. The children of both families are well. Dr. Hsing and Dr. Chou, Mrs. Gehman and all the hospital staff are getting on well. For our well-being we thank God for his loving care.

''. . . Thanksgiving Sunday this year was a great occasion; different kinds of fruits, vegetables and moon-cakes, etc. were offered, and when these were changed into money we had a rather handsome collection. . . .''

Members are visited and literature distributed. ''Frequent visits have been paid to the patients in the hospital, and we are also invited to give talks to the prisoners. Street preaching was originally planned on market days, but we found, after several trials, that it was not satisfactory, because people are too busy on the market. We had a week of Evangelism, for which we printed our own tracts. The result was good, but a full evangelistic programme should be aided by music, tracts, pictures, lantern slides, etc. All these we lack. We hope some improvement will be made along this line when more workers come to the field.

''At the beginning a class for the illiterates was opened. Mr. and Mrs. Teng were in charge of it. In the spring Mrs. Wen assisted in one class. Quite a few boys and girls have been benefited by these classes; Wang Feng-ming lately came to be a nurse in our hospital and Li Hung-tu is now a mission scholarship student in Tien Nan Middle School, Kunming. They are fine Christian young people. The class has been continuing for some time, but after the few graduated in June, the enrolment of students began to fall. One fundamental reason is that the children have been forced to struggle for existence owing to the terribly high cost of living. Another reason is that the newly-opened Vocational School has taken a large number of them. We are now considering how to get others to come. At any rate, education, no matter of what sort, is needed for the public in Kienshui.

''In September there was an interesting occasion—a wedding took place in our church. Since this was the first in the Kienshui church, we planned and conducted it rather nicely and in a real Christian way. A big but quiet crowd came to see it. It has made such a deep and favourable impression on the public that one old refined lady was asked by her daughter to join the church with her. Most likely she herself would like later to be married in such a nice way!

''The Session and the congregation are now responsible for the current expenses. The monthly budget for 1947 is from $130,000 to $350,000 Chinese National Currency. Owing to constant inflation we can hardly make ends meet. Dr. Kung, our treasurer, has been serving the church very faithfully in matters of stewardship.

''As pointed out above, our church and hospital started their work side by side, at the same time, and in the same building. There is a true fellowship and co-operation between these two members of the one body. Dr. Hsing, Hospital Superintendent, is one of our church deacons. All the hospital staff come to church services and join in the fellowship. The ministry of healing the soul and the body go hand in hand, making one testimony to the power of the Gospel. . . .

''We can easily see that the Kienshui Church is still . . . in its infant stage. Indeed it is only two years old. But it has a bright future and ought to grow. Kienshui people have an innate craving for spiritual gratification, while its youth are fully prepared to take in whatever is good from the outside. A Christian culture along the lines of religious education, ministry of the soul as well as the body, cannot be over-emphasized. In order to meet the needs of the people the following points should be taken into immediate consideration: An adequate church building is needed which should serve as the centre for carrying on the different kinds of work. A day school should be established which will help Christianize the children, who, in turn, will help their parents come into contact with the church. For evangelistic work equipment, such as musical instruments, lantern slides, radio, printing machine, pictures, literature, etc., is needed, and modern methods should be used. The Gospel should go to the villages, and preaching points should be opened in the Christian homes first. A theologically-trained woman evangelist is needed to assist in the women's work.

''The writer regrets to say that in our Church in Kienshui much that should be done has been left undone, but he is confident that under God's guidance and the good leadership of the General Assembly and the Yunnan Mission Committee His name will through this, His Church, be glorified in Kienshui.''

Historical Material

Suggestions as to what should be kept as part of history.

Auxiliary—Records of organization of Auxiliary. How it came to be organized. Names of first officers, and minister at that time. It would be interesting to have a picture of the first president.

Any new groups formed as result of efforts of the Auxiliary or any of its members—fostering of younger groups in their congregation or any groups elsewhere. If a member of the church went to the foreign field, or became a national worker, or undertook the support of a missionary, the fact should be recorded as of historical interest.

Record of growth, and of anniversaries, with a summary of progress. Mention of any outstanding women whose contribution can be seen to be great.

The branch may make, or have made, a fresh start. Motive for that may be of historical interest. An unusually difficult time perhaps—reasons for it and how they coped with the situation. Perhaps reorganization or other change in 1925. If there has been *marked* growth, note it. If united with another group, record fact and reasons.

Contributions of the Auxiliary to the work of the Church—in the Sunday School or growth of the congregation, for instance.

Any other matters of special and unusual interest in connection with the Auxiliary.

Presbyterial Society—Keep history—Organization—Territory—Branches at time of organization. Growth—Where and when new work established. Contribution to the work of the church, through such new work or in some other way.

Changes, as when missionary societies amalgamated in 1914, or in 1925.

Synodical Society—Organization of Provincial Society—the change to Synodical. When more than change of name, tell of reorganization. Former Provincial historian should see that the Synodical historian has the history of the Provincial Society.

History of the work—the territory. New work. Notice of exceptional women who made a distinctive contribution to the work in the Synodical territory.

Note—With the passing of the years, the history of any organization should be rewritten because of the new perspective.

It is possible for every organization to keep a *chronicle,* if not a history, of events. This chronicle should be available; from it some one with the historian's eye could select material for a history to be sent to the Presbyterial historian, and used at Jubilee celebrations. A chronicle would be easier for some one to keep, as it is hard to tell what will be important twenty years from now.

LITERATURE PAGE

Miss Louise A. Reith

THIS study year as we think in the Auxiliaries of "Our Commission in Canada and Overseas" we welcome a most appropriate supplementary book which tells of the first missionary to be sent overseas by Canadian Presbyterians.

The book entitled THE GEDDIE CENTENNIAL ADDRESSES contains the addresses delivered in First Presbyterian Church, Pictou, Nova Scotia, in October 1946 on the occasion of the celebration of the one hundredth anniversary of the departure of John Geddie as a foreign missionary.

The Rev. John Keir Geddie Fraser, B.D., D.D., a grandson of Dr. John Keir, Geddie's first and most influential supporter, tells of "John Geddie's Prince Edward Island Ministry". As the minister of Cavendish and New London, P.E.I., John Geddie is described as performing "the routine work of the average country minister" faithfully and of arousing the interest of his own congregations and of others in the Presbytery in sending the Gospel beyond their own shores, with the result that missionary societies were organized and contributions sent to assist in the work of the London Missionary Society.

"Geddie's Earlier Life and Work" is described by the Honourable George Geddie Patterson, M.A., LL.D., who, while he felt that his qualifications for taking part in the meeting were of the slightest, said there was "some justification" because "I am in all probability the only one alive, in these parts at any rate, who saw Dr. Geddie in the flesh. True, I only saw him from my father's arms when he held me up for baptism by Dr. Geddie." From this address we learn of Geddie's earlier life, his education and the opposition to his appointment to overseas service. The speaker pointed out that perhaps Geddie's greatest work was not done in Aneiteum but in "educating and persuading the Church to support a missionary of its own". He urged that the memorial service be not "mere words of approval" but that it be used "to kindle anew the flame that Geddie fired in our fathers".

The third address, "The Total John Geddie", is by the Rev. Frank Baird, M.A., D.D., who compiled the book, and in that address we find a brief, accurate summary of John Geddie's life, of the influences which combined to make John Geddie what he was, his place in the Church, the esteem in which he was held by his contemporaries, his place among them and his message to the Church to-day.

All Presbyterians should read THE GEDDIE CENTENNIAL ADDRESSES. They contain information of historical importance. As Dr. McNab says in his foreword to the book, "Dr. Frank Baird, Judge George Geddie Patterson and Dr. J. Keir Geddie Fraser have done our church a noteworthy service in recapturing for us the spirit of that peer of pioneers, Dr. John Geddie, on the Centenary of his going forth."

AUXILIARIES

Mrs. W. A. McLennan and Miss E. L. McClelland

MANY times one hears some one say, "When I took office I did not know what my duties were." With this in mind, we are planning in the ensuing months to set out the duties of officers and give some suggestions. Who are the officers? The officers of an Auxiliary are the president, two or more vice-presidents, secretaries and a treasurer. These officers are elected annually.

The president shall preside at all meetings and have a general oversight of the work. She is an ex-officio member of all standing committees.

The vice-presidents in order of precedence shall in the absence of the president perform all the duties of the office. They should co-operate closely with the president and assist in every way in the advancement of the work.

Suggestions:

The president should study to know everything possible about the whole Society. She should make herself familiar with the work and workers of the Society. She should make herself familiar with parliamentary procedure and thus be at ease in the conduct of the business. She should start the meeting on time and not let it drag (which means having every detail previously arranged), try to maintain a happy atmosphere, and be tactful and kind. The service of worship should be in keeping with the mission study, whether planned by the president or a committee. The president calls regular meetings of the Executive where the work of each secretary can be discussed. She must, therefore, be familiar with each department. She should be ever on the lookout for new workers and when qualities of leadership are shown provide an opportunity for their development.

She should get the new study for Auxiliaries in time to plan the year's programme. The Executive and the Programme Committee cannot afford to be without the programme outlines and suggestions for meetings as prepared by Miss Reith. They should try to have as many members as possible take part in the programme during the year. These prepared outlines give definite suggestions as to how this may be done.

So much of the responsibility for the success of the Auxiliary rests on the president, her missionary knowledge and enthusiasm, her eagerness to interest others, and, above all, on her own spiritual preparation.

YOUNG WOMEN

Mrs. C. N. Johnston, *Secretary*

(These are questions Miss Scott has been asked by different groups.)

WHAT about the report we send to the Presbyterial—what should it contain?

There are two reports to send to the Presbyterial Young Women's secretary—one the tabulated report, for which the Presbyterial Young Women's secretary has sent a form to be filled in, and the other, a copy of the written report of the group prepared for the annual meeting, which would contain an outline of the activities of the group during the year, noting the study taken, special meetings held, and attendance at Presbyterial and Synodical or other conferences. These reports should be sent to the Presbyterial Young Women's Secretary by December 31.

Can you tell us about the procedure for the election and installation of officers?

A nominating committee is appointed to bring in a slate of officers for the coming year; the committee should make sure that the person nominated for an office has agreed to accept the office, if she is elected. The officers are usually installed by someone interested in the group, such as the minister of the congregation, the president of the Senior Auxiliary, or an officer of the Presbyterial. A leaflet entitled ''Election of Officers and Installation Service'' may be obtained by writing to the Literature Department, Room 800, 100 Adelaide St. W., Toronto 1.

How can we best prepare a programme for the coming year?

Get the study prepared for the groups, with which there are programme suggestions. Appoint a programme committee to plan the whole year's programme, including special meetings and events. Make sure that each member who is to take part is notified as to when she is to be in charge of the service of worship or the presentation of the study. If possible, have a printed or mimeographed programme outlining the activities of the year. This should give the date and place of each meeting and also the names and duties of the members taking part. The names, addresses and telephone numbers of the officers of the group might be included as well.

Where can we obtain information if we are wondering about things?

—From members of the Senior Auxiliary, from the Presbyterial Young Women's Secretary, or other members of the Presbyterial Executive, or by writing to the Young Women's Travelling Secretary, Room 800, 100 Adelaide St. W., Toronto 1, Ontario.

GIRLS and LEADERS

Mrs. Harold Keefer, *Secretary*

Greetings, leaders and girls of our Church!

OUR hope for 1948 is that you will continue to grow in power and strength throughout the year, and that faithfulness and sacrifice on the part of leaders will be rewarded by loyalty, earnestness and devotion to the work on the part of the girls.

Thank you for all your fine work in the year that is past. We know how much time and preparation are required to ensure a successful, interesting meeting. We understand and appreciate the sacrifices which must be made and we believe we know something of the feeling of discouragement and inadequacy which comes when ''things don't go right'' and we wonder wherein we have failed. We remember, however, that other leaders have the same feeling at times and, of course, they pick up and go on, doing their best, just as you do.

We should like to commend the many loyal girls in our department; for their fine work we would say, ''Thank you''.

Now that we are at the beginning of a brand new year, some of us feel that we should resolve to try to make our lives richer in 1948.

In this connection it occurred to your secretary that we could not do better than adopt and *live up to* the purpose of the Canadian Girl in Training. Those of you who are members of this organization are, of course, familiar with the text, but for those who are not, we quote it:

> As a Canadian Girl in Training,
> Under the Leadership of Jesus,
> It is My Purpose to
>   Cherish Health,
>   Seek Truth,
>   Know God,
>   Serve Others,
> And thus, with His help, become
> The girl God would have me be.

Whether we are leaders or members of groups within our Women's Missionary Society, we could hardly do better than resolve to make this our purpose, as so many of our girls have taken it as theirs.

As there is always danger of becoming so familiar with these fine words that we do not think of their meaning, we should frequently take time to study them quietly and ask ourselves whether we are really doing our utmost to "cherish health, seek truth, know God, and serve others". If we can really satisfy ourselves that we are doing our best to do these things, then although this new year may bring unexpected tests of character to many of us, we may feel secure in the knowledge that Christ will help us to become the girls and the women that He would have us be.

CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT

Mrs. W. N. Ferguson, *Secretary*

MARY JONES was a little Welsh girl. When our story opens she was eight years old. Her father and mother were kind and good, but they did not have much money. Mary had never gone to school and she could not read or write. She often went to Bible classes with her parents and memorized many passages of Scripture. She had two great desires—to be able to read and write and to have a Bible of her own.

One day Mary heard something which made her very happy. A school was to be opened not far from where she lived, and her father agreed that she might attend it. As soon as she could read, Mary began earning and saving money to buy a Bible. She helped busy mothers with housework and mending; she gathered sticks and small pieces of wood and sold them for fuel; her mother gave her two hens and she sold the eggs. For a long time she had only coppers, then one day she found a purse and when she took it to the owner he gave her the first piece of silver money she had ever owned. It took Mary six years to save enough to buy a Bible, but at last the great day arrived. She went to the town to buy it, but there was not one for sale anywhere in the district. Such a disappointment!

Someone told her that she might obtain one from the Rev. Thomas Charles, who lived in Bala, twenty-five miles away. Mary decided to walk there and back. At first her parents objected to her making such a long, lonely journey, but they finally gave their permission, and at daybreak one morning Mary started out on her long walk, carrying her only pair of shoes in her bag. Her feet were sore and blistered when she reached the minister's home.

Mary told Mr. Charles how she had learned to read so that she could study the Bible, and how she had saved what she could earn so that she could have one of her own. The minister's face was sad when he told her that all the Welsh Bibles he had received from London had been sold, except one or two that he was keeping for people who had ordered them, and he did not know when he would receive any more.

When Mary heard that, she put her face in her hands and sobbed. For a few moments the only sound in the room was that of Mary's crying, then Mr. Charles rose and put his hand on the bowed head. ''My dear child,'' he said, ''I see that you must have a Bible, difficult as it is for me to spare you one. It is simply impossible to refuse you.'' When he handed her the Bible he had been going to give to someone else, the radiance of her smile through the tears so touched him that he said later to a friend, ''I can never rest until I find some means of supplying my people with the Word of God.''

How happy Mary was all the way home!

Mr. Charles told people about Mary and the need for Welsh Bibles, and it was decided to form a society which had as its purpose the supplying of God's Word to people over all the earth. Such was the beginning of what we know as the British and Foreign Bible Society.

We give Thee thanks, dear Lord, to-day
For living hope and dreams that stay,
For faith within the human heart,
Trusting to Thee the unknown part.

—Clara Bernhardt.

THROUGH THE SOCIETY

BRITISH COLUMBIA

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MISS Margaret Webster of Toronto, Girls' Work Secretary, was a visitor at the November Synodical Board meeting, held at the Children's Centre. Miss Webster's talk on different phases of girls' work was much appreciated. She referred to the visits she had made with Miss Ruby Walker, regional worker in Manitoba and Saskatchewan, to different points in her field, and to many encouraging features of young people's work.

Victoria Presbyterial—A Presbyterial rally was held at St. Andrew's Church, Victoria, recently when Mrs. R. Pollock of Vancouver, Synodical vice-president, gave a vivid account of the Council meeting, outlining the work of the past year and telling of plans for the coming year. Mrs. M. C. Fuller, the Presbyterial president, was in the chair, and Miss Grace Lee of the Chinese Church led the devotions, the theme being ''God is light''. Duncan and Nanaimo were well represented.

St. Andrew's Auxiliary, Nanaimo, had as special speaker at their Thank-offering meeting on October 15 Mrs. R. S. Stevens of Duncan, who is familiar with all departments of the Society's work. She gave an outline of work done at home and abroad, and told some of her own experiences as a deaconess in northern Alberta mission fields. The Explorer group sang, and two of the members took up the collection; the dedicatory prayer was offered by Miss Marie Adolph, a Mission Band leader.

St. Andrew's Auxiliary, Victoria, honoured Mrs. M. C. Packard at a recent meeting. The Rev. A. Orr of St. Paul's conducted the devotional service, and Mr. Percy Wills of the Shantymen's Association gave an illustrated address on work being done on the west coast. After the meeting tea was served.

Westminster Presbyterial—The Young Women of the Presbyterial, under the able direction of Mrs. George Bell, held a fall rally in Mount Pleasant Church. It was well attended and was a source of inspiration to all present. The St. Paul's Young Women conducted the devotions. This group was recently organized and it was a great pleasure to welcome the members in their new work. The principal speakers were Mrs. W. J. McFadden, Mrs. R. Pollock and Mrs. Middleton, delegates to the Council meeting in Toronto, who reported on different branches of the work. The spirit of fellowship and the instructive and interesting reports made this rally very helpful to each Auxiliary.

The Janet Thomson Evening Auxiliary of Kerrisdale Church held their Thank-offering meeting on November 4th. The subject was ''Living Hymns'', and in word and song the story was given of the oldest and best loved hymns sung in our churches to-day. Two members told the story, and selections from the hymns were sung by all the members.

The St. Andrew's-St. Stephen's Young Women's Auxiliary, North Vancouver, recently held an open Thanksgiving meeting in the church. The Rev. H. A. Berlis gave an interesting explanation of the origin of the caste system in India, and spoke of its languages and peoples; slides on work in the Bhil Field were shown. Miss Marjorie Green led in the devotions and Mrs. Norma Barlow Anderson told the story of Henry Van Dyke's *Blue Flower*. This well attended meeting was most informative.

At the semi-annual Thank-offering meeting of Robertson Auxiliary Miss Ament gave an interesting account of her work in the city of Toronto.

ALBERTA

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EDMONTON Presbyterial—The Presbyterial records with great sorrow the passing of Mrs. J. Herbison, Welcome and Welfare Secretary. Her death at a comparatively early age grieved her many friends and fellow workers but brought relief to her suffering of many months. A member of Strathcona Church, of which her husband is pastor, she will be sorely missed by that congregation, where she worked with the Auxiliary, the Ladies' Aid and the Young Married Women's Group; she organized the latter. When war brides were arriving, her days were busy, as she cared for all names sent in by Mr. Pickup, and visited the newcomers. This work she did faithfully and thoroughly, with Mr. Herbison. Her readiness to help her husband in all departments of the church's work in her quiet, unassuming way can never be surpassed and her sweet personality endeared her to all. Our sympathy goes out to her husband and other relatives at this time.

Red Deer Presbyterial—The Presbyterial held their fall meeting in Red Deer on November 7th; members were present from Carstairs, Olds, Innisfail, Penhold, Willowdale, Valley Centre, Hill End, Sylvan Lake, Eckville, and Red Deer. Mrs. MacSween brought a request from the camp committee for a hundred quilts for the camp at Sylvan Lake. Mrs. Robinson gave a splendid report of the Council meeting in Toronto; she spoke of the needs of the missionary work and hope for expansion. The reports were encouraging, with new groups reported. Mrs. J. Ross of Olds, on behalf of the members, presented Mrs. W. H. Carmichael of Carstairs with a beautiful gold pin in appreciation of her many years of faithful service on the Presbyterial executive. Mrs. Carmichael, who is a charter member of Carstairs Auxiliary, assured the members that, although moving from the Presbyterial, she would continue to serve the Women's Missionary Society. Red Deer Auxiliary members were hostesses at tea. An Explorers' Group had been organized in Innisfail, with Mrs. Thorburn as leader.

There was a good gathering at the Thanksgiving meeting of the Carstairs Auxiliary. The special speaker was Mr. S. M. Johnston, who is in charge of this field; in his address on ''Thanksgiving with Sacrifice'', he referred particularly to the story of the Burning Bush. Singing by the Mission Band children added much to the programme.

At the Innisfail Thank-offering meeting the speaker was Mrs. A. B. McGorman. Taking ''Thanksgiving'' as her subject, she spoke of the two parts of the word—thanks and giving. Our thanks for our blessings result, she said, in our giving, not only of our money but of our time, prayers, and ourselves.

SASKATCHEWAN

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REGINA Presbyterial — The fall Thank-offering meeting of all the Presbyterian Missionary Society groups in Regina was held in Northside church. Mrs. A. M. S. Martin, president of the Northside Senior Auxiliary, presided, and one member of each Auxiliary took part in the programme. The guest speaker was Miss Eva Latham, newly appointed secretary of the Regina Y.W.C.A. She referred to her own Presbyterian background and paid tribute to the wholesome influences which had come to her in her own home church, then spoke of the work of the Y.W.C.A. and its relation to the work of the Church, and appealed to all to go forward with faith, hope and love toward the world of the future. A social hour followed the meeting.

Saskatoon Presbyterial—A northern Sectional meeting of the Presbyterial was held in Knox-St. Andrew's Church, North Battleford, on October 27th, with afternoon and evening sessions. The Presbyterial President, Miss Steenson, was in the chair. The theme of the meeting was ''The open door of opportunity and privilege''. Representatives were present from the Wilkie Auxiliary and Biggar, and a good number of Presbyterial officers, all of whom took part in the meeting. Miss Ruby Walker, regional worker, led the panel discussion on the various departments of the Women's Missionary Society work, in which a number of ladies took part. Miss Walker spoke on Home Missions, making special mention of the outstanding work done by Mr. Moore at Mistawasis Indian Reserve School and touching on the work the Women's Missionary Society is doing among the Ukrainians, Hungarians, and Chinese. Miss M. Webster, Girls' Work Secretary, spoke on the overseas work. She pointed out that the Church of God needs recruits for the battle of Christianity. The Rev. Mr. Lowe of Wilkie closed the meeting with prayer. Supper was served in the church club room. In the evening Miss Webster addressed the Canadian Girls in Training and Sunday School teachers.

At the November meeting of St. Andrew's Auxiliary, Saskatoon, Mrs. J. B. Young gave an address on ''The Ministry of Healing'', speaking especially of Christian medical work in India in which our Women's Missionary Society has had a part, and referring to the work of Dr. and Mrs. Buchanan, pioneer medical missionaries in the Bhil field, to Miss Isabel McConnell, Miss Bessie MacMurchy and Dr. Quinn, and to Miss Lily Simpson in the Jhansi field. Messages were received from Mrs. C. P. Young of the Jhansi field and Miss Mary Ellen Anderson of British Guiana.

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AT the Synodical Board meeting, held at the home of Mrs. J. C. Dobie, Port Arthur, on November 7th, a great deal of business was transacted and plans were made for Miss Ruby Walker's visit to Fort William, Port Arthur and Geraldton. Afterwards a delightful social time was enjoyed.

Brandon Presbyterial — The Minnedosa Auxiliary had as guest speaker at their Thank-offering meeting Mrs. C. LeCocq of Fort William, Synodical president, who also gave a brief report of the Council meeting in Toronto. Visitors were present from Brandon and Neepawa.

While in the district Mrs. LeCocq also addressed meetings in Brandon and Melita, speaking on ''Thanksgiving''.

Superior Presbyterial — Miss Ruby Walker, regional worker for Manitoba, arrived at the Lakehead on November 12th. On the 13th she addressed the Willing Talent Workers of First Church, West Fort William, stressing the need of more workers, especially in the West, of greater interest in the work and larger givings, to make it possible to carry on the work. On Sunday November 16th she spoke in First Church, Port Arthur. On Monday afternoon she spoke at a Presbyterial meeting on the subject, ''As Ambassadors'', and in the evening gave an address on ''Stewardship'' at a joint meeting of the Evening group and the senior Auxiliary of First Church, Port Arthur, and members of the Synodical Board. Miss Walker visited all Mission Bands, Explorers and C.G.I.T. groups in the twin cities, addressed all senior Auxiliaries and Evening groups and met leaders of the junior groups. Her visit to Geraldton, where she went on the 21st to meet the Auxiliary and the C.G.I.T., rounded out a very busy two weeks in the Presbyterial.

HAMILTON AND LONDON

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CHATHAM—Reminding her hearers that every day should be a thanksgiving day in this land and that they should be grateful for things of the spirit as well as for material things, Major Emily Scott of the Salvation Army addressed St. Andrew's Auxiliary, Windsor. Mrs. Quinn of Jobat on the Bhil Field gave a word picture of missionary activities in India, and exhibited some dolls dressed in Indian costume.

At their Thank-offering meeting Knox Auxiliary, Wallaceburg, heard Mrs. Donald McLaren, Presbyterial President, speak on ''Christian Stewardship''. ''Giving of gifts is not enough'', Mrs. McLaren said, ''heart worship is necessary, and in this we have a personal responsibility.'' Mrs. John Burnett of the Evening Auxiliary gave the Bible reading.

The Ellen Douglas Auxiliary, Knox Church, Windsor, heard a letter written by Miss Ellen Douglas of Amkhut, India, acknowledging a birthday box the Auxiliary had sent to her.

Mrs. Pitts of Dover addressed the Valetta Auxiliary, telling of the work of the Cecilia Jeffrey Indian School, Kenora, of which her son is principal.

Hamilton—The 65th anniversary of Knox Auxiliary, Hamilton, and the 39th anniversary of the Fraser Evening Auxiliary were jointly celebrated on October 30th. The Rev. Ross Thomson of Erskine Church was the speaker. Basing his remarks on the text, ''Other sheep I have, which are not of this fold; them also I must bring,'' Mr. Thomson stressed the importance of the work carried on during the past years. Mrs. Donald Munro brought greetings from the Synodical Society and Miss A. J. Ritchie from the Presbyterial. Mrs. H. C. McKellar was the special speaker at the 18th Anniversary Tea of the Mary McKenzie Grant Evening Auxiliary of St. Andrew's, Hamilton. She emphasized the need of Christian leaders, if we are to live up to the Women's Missionary Society motto and seek to win ''The World for Christ''. A corsage of roses was presented to Miss Mary Grant, after whom the Auxiliary is named. Several Presbyterial officers gave brief messages.

Paris—A Rally held in October in St. Paul's Church, Woodstock, was attended by members of Woodstock, Innerkip, Embro, Ratho, and Tillsonburg Auxiliaries. Devotions were in charge of Embro, Tillsonburg and Innerkip groups. Group singing was much enjoyed. The highlight of the evening was the most interesting and informative address given by Miss Helen Scott. She spoke of what it means to be a member of a Women's Missionary Society Auxiliary or any affiliated group and the work that has been done and is being done through the Society, and the challenge the future offers, both at home and abroad, to its members. She referred to the work among the young people of Canada, in Indian Schools, the Girls' Centre and Children's Centres, and, in closing, appealed for consecration among workers, whether called to special tasks or concerned as ordinary members. A most appealing and forceful talk.

Sarnia — St. Andrew's Auxiliary, Sarnia, invited members from Point Edward, Petrolia, Paterson Memorial, Sarnia, and Mooretown to their Thank-offering meeting. Mrs. Quinn, the special speaker, told of the work done by Dr. Quinn and herself at Jobat among people on the Bhil field. She said, ''We can more readily reach the hearts of these people when we are able to heal the body.'' She also told of the use of radio, to bring health talks, education and religious teaching to many people who would otherwise not hear them.

To the Evening Auxiliary, Strathroy, Dr. McEwen of London, formerly of India, told of the transformation Christianity will make on these people, contrasting it with the Indian religions and stressing the happiness found in an Indian home that is a Christian home.

TORONTO AND KINGSTON

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GUELPH—The visit of Miss Beatrice Scott of India to groups within the the Presbyterial was an unqualified success. She addressed a Girls' rally at Knox Church, Preston, when ninety girls from Fergus, Guelph and Galt were present.

A successful Young Women's rally was held in Fergus on October 21st with 150 present, including members from Galt, Preston, Hespeler and Guelph. Mrs. Angus Lindsay, Presbyterial president, was the special speaker.

North Bay — The ladies of Knox Church, Sudbury, were guests of the Evening Department on October 28th when Miss Beatrice Scott gave an address. Miss Scott also visited Burk's Falls, Magnetawan, Parry Sound and North Bay. Her messages were a real inspiration, bringing all who heard them into closer touch with the work as well as the missionaries.

Peterborough—At the sectional meeting at Keene on October 29th Mrs. Tate reported on the Synodical Board meeting. The speaker of the evening was the Rev. Louis Fowler. Mrs. Boyd, Girls' Organizations Secretary, reported a new C.G.I.T. group in Port Hope.

At the semi-annual Presbyterial meeting Mrs. Harold Tate, past president of the Presbyterial, was presented with an Honorary Membership certificate.

At Cobourg the St. Andrew's C.G.I.T. graduated to the Young Women's Department and officers were installed. Dr. Helen McDonald of the University of Toronto was the guest speaker.

Saugeen—The Presbyterial fall rally and executive meeting were held in Drayton on November 4th. The president, Mrs. Frank Hopkins, conducted the opening devotional period. Mrs. A. T. Barr gave a report of the Synodical Board meeting. The guest speaker, Mrs. John Williams, Synodical Corresponding Secretary, stressed the need of a daily period for Bible reading.

MONTREAL AND OTTAWA

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BROCKVILLE—A sectional meeting was held at Winchester and a well planned programme was presented. In her very fine report of the Council meeting, Mrs. Ledgerwood stressed the importance of members of an older generation meeting the present generation in a spirit of understanding kindliness, and a warning never to turn young people from attending a meeting by a show of undue authority; of special interest was the mention that our own missionary, Miss Irene Stringer, had addressed the meeting. She also referred to the Oslo conference. Mrs. Fitzsimons spoke on ''The Life of Jesus''.

At a meeting in Chesterville, members from Morewood and Dunbar took part in the programme. Morewood held its Thank-offering meeting at the regular Sunday morning service. Mrs. Fitzsimons spoke to the Mission Band on ''Soldiers of Jesus Christ'' and to Auxiliary members on needed zeal in responsibility.

Glengarry—The Evening Auxiliary of St. John's Church, Cornwall, had as the speaker at their Thank-offering meeting Miss Isabel Hill of Ottawa, Synodical Secretary for that Department. Miss Hill spoke of thank-offering and thanksgiving, drawing attention to references and injunctions from the Bible. She referred, too, to the opportunity for friendship afforded, especially to members of Evening Auxiliaries and younger groups, by the coming to Canada of many displaced persons from Europe. These newcomers, she said, offer a distinct challenge to the young women in our churches.

Lanark and Renfrew — More than sixty were present at an enthusiastic Thank-offering meeting of Evening Auxiliaries in Perth, when Mrs. A. G. Cameron of Ottawa, Synodical Corresponding Secretary, spoke to them on ''The Sacrificial Way''.

Montreal—Miss Laura Pelton gave her impressions of the Whitby International Missionary Conference at an open meeting of the Presbyterial Executive to which members of Presbytery were specially invited. Professor Robert Lennox conducted the service of worship.

For an Evening Department rally more than a hundred met in Melville Church, Westmount. Miss Lillian B. Morton, chairman of the Department's Central Committee in Montreal, presided and Mrs. W. E. Baker brought greetings. Members were present from Ormstown and Beauharnois. ''Faith'' was the theme of the service of worship, led by Miss Muriel Judd. Mrs. C. Ritchie Bell installed the new officers. In her address Miss Pelton quoted Stanley Jones as saying, ''Never has there been so difficult a time; never have there been, therefore, so many opportunities.'' Continuing she said, ''God calls for every ability that we have, when He calls us to go out as workers; therefore, the most careful preparation should be made before any worker goes to his or her field of service. This is a costly missionary day; vision and sacrifice are needed.’’ She referred to the Bhil field, to British Guiana, to China, and to Formosa, which ‘‘offers unique opportunities’’, she said.

Ottawa—Sincere sympathy is extended to Knox Auxiliary and congregation on the tragic passing of their beloved minister and his wife, the Rev. Dr. Robert Johnston and Mrs. Johnston. ‘‘Lovely and pleasant in their lives, and in their death they were not divided.’’ Our prayers are with the family.

At the Mary Masson Evening Auxiliary's Thank-offering meeting, Mrs. W. G. Brown presided and Miss Florence Bowes led in the devotions. The speaker was the Rev. J. Logan-Vencta, O.B.E., who based his remarks on the story of Mary and the alabaster box of ointment —an unforgettable message.

Quebec—Mrs. Owen Rede Campbell, special speaker at the Sherbrooke Thank-offering meeting, gave a most inspiring talk. The offering most gratifying. Mrs. Campbell also spoke at a sectional meeting in Asbestos, taking as her subject ‘‘The Gardens of Eden, Gethsemane and Victory’’. Tribute was paid to three members who had died, Mrs. Stalker, Mrs. Barlow and Mrs. Jobel. Mrs. W. E. MacIver presided, and Mrs. H. O. Parker greatly interested all present by her very fine account of the Council meeting in Toronto.

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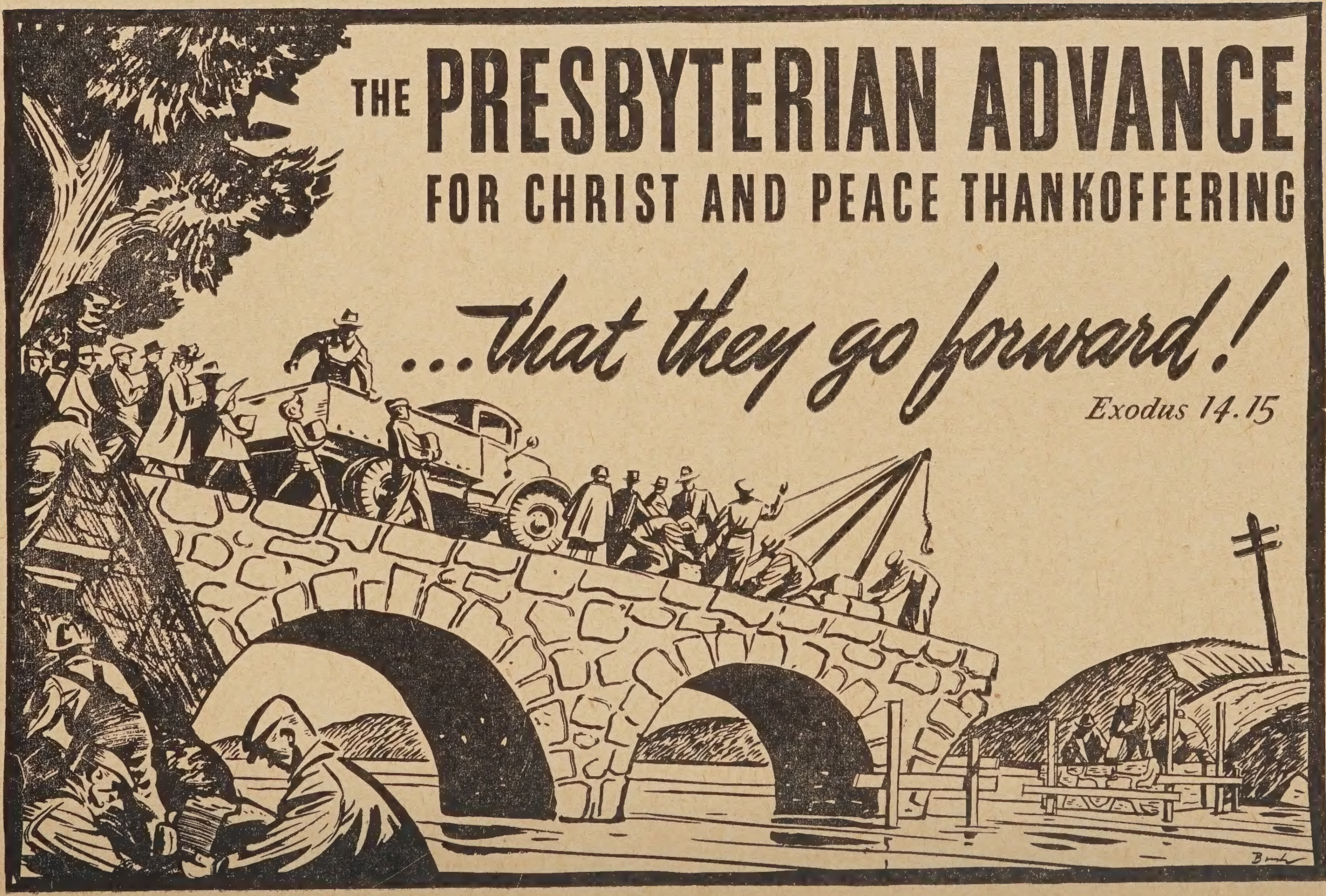
The following news item comes from the Australian Anglican Newsletter (October 1947):

''When 21 new church-wardens met at Gona, in the diocese of New Guinea, to plan their work, under the chairmanship of their parish priest, Father John Benson, who was a prisoner of the Japanese for three years, one of the church-wardens said: 'I think God would be happy if we sent half the balance of our offerings to Japan and used half for our own school. Then we shall be replacing our things and helping those people who spoilt our country to be better people, so that they will be helping ones, not spoiling ones. That is what I think God wants us to do, because we are His children'. To which the Assembly replied: 'These are good words and we shall do so.'

''These are the people whose teachers were killed and whose churches and schools were demolished by the Japanese.''

—Ecumenical Press Service, Geneva.



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EDITORIAL

Miss Helen Ross, who has been since May assisting in the extension work of the Presbytery of Toronto, left Toronto on January 9th to undertake her new work at the Children's Centre in Vancouver.

Miss Catherine Watson, who began work at the Centre in June, is to be superintendent of the nursery school there, while Miss Ross will be director of the older groups.

Miss Irene Kong, who has come from China to assist in work among the Chinese people in Toronto, arrived in the city at the beginning of January. A graduate of the Pooi Lo Academy in Canton and of the Bible Seminary for Women in Shanghai, for three years she did full-time work as a church missionary, and then, during the last war years, taught in the Kwongtung Provincial Women Teachers' College in Canton, and did church work as well. As pastors were few then, she frequently preached at Sunday services. She speaks English and Cantonese and Mandarin, as well as the dialect of the Canton district from which most of our Canadian Chinese women have come.

Word has been received that Miss Margaret Kennedy and Miss Hazel Reaveley arrived in India on December 31st, together with the other missionaries who sailed on the *Marine Swallow*—the Rev. E. A. Toombs, the Rev. and Mrs. Gordon K. Agar with their children, Mary and Ruth, and Miss Mary Nichol (all for the Bhil Field).

In a letter written on board ship (December 15), Miss Kennedy says: "We had fairly stormy weather all the way across the Pacific; as a result we were two days late arriving in Yokohama. One night we had a real gale with furniture and suitcases having a merry chase. . . . There are many missionaries on board and we have a study period every day at eleven, when people from all over lead us. There are also many young priests going to New Guinea and India, and eight Spanish-speaking nuns came to Japan. . . . To-morrow we are to be in Shanghai and this will be our first chance to leave the boat since November 28th."

As a postscript to Miss Mathieson's article on Dr. James Robertson (*The Glad Tidings,* November and December 1947) we are glad to add a note sent to us by Mrs. William Storrie. She writes: ''A few years ago my daughter and I, when on a trip to Alaska, spent some days in Winnipeg. One glorious summer evening, when the western sky was bathed in gold, 'the glow of fire that burns without consuming', we went out to visit Old Kildonan just to see where Dr. Robertson was buried in the old churchyard. We found his last resting-place, and that of his dear wife beside him. On her tombstone were the words:

> 'In loving memory of Mary Ann Cowing, Sept. 23rd 1839—Jan. 16th 1908. Beloved wife of Rev. James Robertson, who, denying her heart its claims, with fidelity, patience and courage, for 20 years kept her lonely watch over home and children, that his work for Western Canada might be done. As she shared his sacrifices, so she shares his glory.'
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> ''Was there ever a more beautiful or more poignant epitaph?''

We are all very much indebted to Miss Mathieson for the articles she has been writing for *The Glad Tidings* on some outstanding Church leaders who played an important part in the establishment of our Presbyterian Church in Western Canada, and in the building up of that part of our Dominion. Valuable for all who can read them, they have a particular value for our missionary groups in supplementing material presented in this year's studies. *Dr. McQueen of Edmonton,* which appears in this issue, is the fifth of the articles on great pioneers in the work of our Church. Others are: *Dr. James Robertson,* November and December 1947; *Dr. John Black of Kildonan,* September 1947; *Rev. James Nisbet,* December 1945; and *Dr. John Geddie of the New Hebrides,* January and February 1945.

After visiting the Mackay Memorial Hospital one day soon after her return to Formosa, Mrs. Hugh MacMillan wrote December 13, 1947 (it was more than eight years since she and Mr. MacMillan left the field):

— I was thrilled to see the hospital so fully rehabilitated and everything in such fine working order. The place was clean, the nurses were spick and span, and a good friendly spirit seemed to pervade the place. It was nice to find two good friends doing their work of evangelism among the patients, the Biblewoman and the male evangelist. They are both so fine and I look forward to working with them. I met the head nurse and was happy to find that I had known her well before. So, looking at things casually as I did, I was deeply impressed by the opportunities that lay there. A well-equipped hospital with five native doctors and thirty-five nurses, a community wanting and needing what we could give in healing of the mind and body—what magic key could open the door to a full and efficient functioning of this unit in the life of our Christian community here? Those were my thoughts as I came away from the hospital.

—Rev. James Dickson

Formosan mother bringing baby to Well Baby Clinic at Mackay Hospital.

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To the National Christian Council of India has fallen the main burden of organizing the work of the Christian community in India for refugees. It is not only a burden, but an immense opportunity of Christian service. . . . The Government of India has given office space, free storage, exemption from custom duties, free travel for volunteer workers and every possible assistance. The programme . . . in relief includes not only medical aid, sanitation and care for health, but recreation and education. Reading rooms have been opened, cinema shows given, the co-operation of schools sought in providing education. . . .

The Christian community in India has risen magnificently to meet the need of suffering men and women, but it is not a rich community and its work urgently needs help. . . .

The tragedy has been great and still is, but some words of Lord Mountbatten bear repeating. He said, "Three per cent of the people of the subcontinent are involved. Ninety-seven per cent are living in peace and quietness in their new-found freedom. I ask you to bear that in mind in fairness to these two struggling nations." He was not dismissing the tragedy as a small thing—far from it. He meant that the forces making for peace and order in India are strong enough to resist chaos and, given time and the immediate help they need, to resettle the displaced populations and remove the terrible scars.

—*Christian News-Letter,* 24th December, 1947.

What I Saw in British Guiana

Miss Pelton gives some of the impressions received during her recent visit to British Guiana and tells something of the work being done by the missionaries sent by our Women's Missionary Society.

BRITISH Guiana is a land of warm weather and warm hearts. To know the people even slightly is to love them and very quickly one feels that one is among friends. They have the same frailties and virtues that we have. They may like different food, but they respond to the same human qualities to which we respond. One is not in British Guiana very long until one realizes what one may say to the people is only effective when the person speaking is of the stature that people respect and admire.

Our Women's Missionary Society has four missionaries in British Guiana. Haven't you often felt you would like to see them at their work?

Boys and girls in British Guiana are very much like boys and girls in Canada. They can be perverse and exasperating, they can be kind and considerate, they can be stupid or clever. As you watch the development of your own sons and daughters and grandsons and granddaughters, just remember that the same anxieties and joys that you experience are shared by the men and women in British Guiana. One of the ways by which you enter the life of the boys and girls in British Guiana is through your two teachers at New Amsterdam. If you had sat, as I sat, in the home of Miss Davidson and Miss Goodwill, with three or four East Indian boys from the Berbice High School, as we chatted about things they had read in magazines, something that had

Berbice High School Staff.
Miss Davidson, second from left, Mr. McKenzie, Principal, back row, Miss Goodwill, at extreme right.

puzzled them in a Scripture lesson, an examination point of which they were not very sure, mosquitoes biting them while they were studying, you would have realized, as I did, that boys and girls are alike all over the world, and the most important thing that we can bring to them is a picture of life as it can be lived in the knowledge of Jesus Christ. Our two missionary teachers in New Amsterdam are doing much more than classroom work. Their home is open to these pupils as often as they wish to come; on the table there are books and magazines which you would like your boys to read, they talk about things you would like to talk about with your young people. They give them the guidance and direction that we crave for our Canadian boys and girls, and these students are responding. Their whole contact is one which is inspired by love of a Christian teacher, and I for one am satisfied that the days in the classroom and the evenings in the home are going to make a pattern of Christian womanhood and manhood. As yet they are unspoiled by many of the complex influences which we know here; on the other hand, some of them still are bound by the superstitions and prejudices of Hinduism and Mohammedanism. Because these two young women open their home to these young people as they do, and give time and thought to their future, there is strong hope that these superstitions and prejudices of non-Christian religions will be overcome by the teaching of our missionaries.

I remember one afternoon in the home of one of the women on a sugar estate. The room was small, but that was no handicap, as many of the women sat on the floor. I could not but marvel at their ability to sit upright without any support for the back, legs stretched out straight in front of them, to all intents and purposes thoroughly comfortable and at ease. They used to tease me about not being able to perform the same feat, and they warned me that when I went to India I might have to learn how to accommodate myself to the floor. They have a quiet, chuckling sense of humour and enjoy a bit of teasing. A few of them are a bit shy of strangers at first, but after a little while one became conscious of the warmth and friendliness of their natures and realized that we were all women together, with many of the same primary interests.

As I sat looking into the faces of these women, Christian and non-Christian, listening to the simple story of the Shepherd's love for His sheep, realizing that some understood it and others just did not know what it all meant, I felt that afternoon was possible because of the interest and support of the women of our Society.

One of our meetings was held under the trees at the side of a simple, primitive home. The cocks and the hens strutted around among the women squatted on the ground, a donkey brayed a few yards away, a goat roamed about the yard nibbling at the grass here and there. It was a homely, simple country scene, typical of East Indian life in British Guiana. The little group of women had come, some to be strengthened in the new faith they had attained, others puzzled and curious at this strange teaching, and with it all your missionary patiently and lovingly, by the use of the flannelgraph, taught them the Gospel story. Again I thought of the thousands of women at home whose love of God and love for the people in other lands made possible the telling of this story.

One of the things that struck me as quite novel was the hour at which a meeting might be held. We had many at eleven o'clock in the morning, some at one in the afternoon, some at two-thirty, and then always evening meetings were quite popular. We were always puzzled why, in some places, we would arrive to find scarcely any person present and then, shortly after, they would begin to gather and in a little while we would have quite a group. I learned afterwards that the reason for this was that many had no time-pieces and they had to wait for the missionaries' arrival as an indication of the time of the meeting.

One evening we held an outdoor meeting on one of the sugar estates. The East Indian minister was in charge. Including the children we had a gathering of about fifty, most of whom were non-Christian. A lantern with a couple of flashlights provided the lighting system. The flannelgraph was propped up on a chair, a portable organ stood at the side, children squatted on the ground, and the grown people stood

Blairmont Women's Group. Miss Pelton, centre front row, Miss Davidson, at back (left), Mrs. Rumball and Janet at right.

at the back. As all the insects of British Guiana appear to come to life at dark, outdoor meetings are always held to the accompaniment of many strange sounds, some of which grow quite competitive as the meeting proceeds. Whenever I had to speak to a group I always found myself yelling in an effort to be heard above these queer little creatures who grew somewhat enthusiastic as the evening went on. Miss Anderson gave a Christmas message. Studying the expressions on many of the faces, one realized this story would have to be told over and over again before it would have meaning for the listeners. Here and there one got a glimpse of understanding, and I found myself hoping in a new way that that very evening the meaning of Christmas would come home to the minds and hearts of men and women in that group of East Indians.

In Burns Memorial Church, Georgetown, Miss Anderson has charge of the choir, which is made up of young men and young women. These same young people are in the Young People's Society, which is also under Miss Anderson's direction. Three of the elders of this church spoke to me the night before I left about Miss Anderson's work with these young people. I never heard a finer tribute paid to any missionary than they paid to her, speaking particularly about her influence on the young people. Her patience in teaching and the example of her life among them are such that I am satisfied these young people will be better men and women as a result of your missionary's having lived among them. Again I thought, ''What a privilege is our women's in Canada to make possible Miss Anderson's work in British Guiana!''

I had a week with our Miss Margaret Ramsay and Miss Sara Cameron of the Eastern Division on the Essequibo Coast and the islands of Leguan and Wakenaam. Life for the women of these islands is simple, primitive and isolated. What it means to them to have these two lady missionaries meet with them once a month, bringing the story of God's redeeming love for them, one only realizes when one meets them and watches them as they gather in their small groups to hear the Christian message. One of the most effective ways to reach the women of any country is to visit them in their homes. One of the East Indian men said to me, ''Reach the women with the Gospel message and you will soon have the whole family,'' and there is no better way to reach them than through a woman missionary. In the majority of cases their homes are open and, if one goes to them simply and naturally in the spirit of interest and love, one sees no reason why hundreds of these homes cannot be made Christian. Perhaps the saddening thing in one's visit to British Guiana was the fact that our missionaries had so much ground to cover that their visits to each home were so infrequent.

In leaving British Guiana, two thoughts were uppermost in my mind: first, how deeply grateful we ought to be for the privilege God has given us, of sending the message of His love to the people in British Guiana; second, what a tremendous piece of work yet remains to be done. To continue our work in British Guiana requires that we do our work wisely and well and that the same spirit which has moved us in the past will move us to an even greater response in the future.

—*Laura K. Pelton.*

Student Volunteer Movement Quadrennial Conference

By Miss Helen N. Scott

FIFTEEN hundred students from North American campuses attended the Quadrennial Conference of the Student Volunteer Movement held at the University of Kansas in Lawrence, Kansas, between Christmas and New Year's. For six days these students met together, and in small groups, to discover what were the Christian frontiers in our world to-day and the place where they themselves could best serve.

Missionaries engaged in different kinds of work presented to us a vivid picture of the needs and "frontiers" of their work. The kinds of work presented were many and varied—one morning J. W. Marshall, president of a Southern Baptist College, told us how he felt that by his work as a college president he could direct students into missionary service. Following that, Jean Harbison, who has been working in a missionary youth project in Puerto Rico, told of the kind of work being done there to supplement the work of the church, particularly in the fields of medicine, education and social work. Every morning a "panel of experts" made up of missionaries and Mission Board representatives discussed the openings and opportunities in different vocations and in different areas of the world. Hon. Walter Judd, congressman from Minnesota, gave a striking picture and analysis of the state and needs of the world as a whole to-day. Perhaps the most startling of the presentations made were those of the Rev. James Robinson, pastor of Harlem's Church of the Master in New York, and of David Burgess, a thirty-year-old minister, now organizer for a Textile Workers' Union. Mr. Robinson savagely but humorously condemned the race discriminating Christian, the "seminary armchair philosopher", and the "creedal Pharisee". Mr. Burgess pointed out that it is a terrible thing to assume that the Church is against the interests of the rising working class.

Not only were we given an opportunity to see the needs of the world, but the other side of the Conference was that which showed us that the greatest need of all was the dedication of ourselves to Jesus Christ. Through a series of talks on the ''Biblical Basis of Missions'' we were pointed to the source of the real motive in Christian missions. Then there were discussion groups, the students meeting together each morning in groups of about fifteen to discuss the meaning, for them as individuals, of the needs about which they were hearing.

One of the important things about a conference held mainly for the recruiting of missionary workers is that the students be presented with the specific needs of their own denominations, and with the openings for people with different kinds of vocational training. To this end denominational meetings were held on two afternoons, when representatives of Mission Boards met with the delegates of their own denomination. On Monday afternoon the 225 Canadians present at the conference met together to hear of the missionary work being done by the Canadian Churches. The next afternoon the Canadian Presbyterians met together to discuss the needs of our Presbyterian Church in Canada for workers here and overseas.

Thus another Quadrennial of the Student Volunteer Movement has gone down in history. But if the inspiration, the impressions, and the ideas which the delegates received have taken root in their hearts, then repercussions from the Quadrennial of 1947 will be felt through the missionary world in the years to come.

Lantern Festival in Kienshui

From a letter written by Mrs. Gehman.

—Last night the nurses asked me to go with them to see the Lantern Festival. All the school children took part. The different schools marched to Lin An campus. The foremost students carried a huge lantern overhead like a banner with the name of their school on it. The children carried smaller lanterns of all sizes, shapes and colours, very picturesque indeed. Some were made in the shape of aeroplanes, tanks, fish, rabbits, frogs, windmills. And some carried burning torches. Many of the lanterns were made of white paper, pasted over frames of all shapes and a candle burning within. Many had painted flowers and scenes on theirs, others had tied flowers—roses and zinnias—to ordinary oil and carbide lanterns. The schools assembled at the campus and then marched the length of the main street singing their school songs. You could see how proud the children were of their lights and of their school. This festival is held every year throughout China for the children on the Double Tenth (October 10th). No doubt it would be less picturesque had the city electric lights, but it did look lovely in Kienshui. I thought how wonderful it would be if all these children knew Jesus and could let their light shine for Him.

Advance in the West

Miss Margaret Webster, Girls' Work Secretary, during a busy seven weeks in the autumn when she visited almost all parts of the four western provinces found signs of advance in the Church.

ADVANCE in the West—is there any advance in the Church in Western Canada? Why, advance is the very spirit of the West. It was with the desire for advance and adventure that the pioneers of our Canada headed westward to explore the unknown country and to open up new settlements on her frontiers.

That same spirit of advance has been the predominant note of the Church in Western Canada. With the earliest of the settlers went representatives of the Church ready to minister to the people and to establish frontier churches. Men like James Robertson, James Nisbet, and David McQueen were inspired with the desire to have the Church advance with the advance of settlement westward. Through the years the leaders of the Church have carried on in that tradition, so that to-day there are many large churches to serve the growing cities, there are well-established smaller churches to meet the needs of the rural areas, and in many of the most isolated districts mission fields have been established.

True, there have been and still are difficulties. The great distances themselves, present problems. There are still vast areas which, because of a scattered population, are not being served by any Church. Families in some districts must drive twenty-five or thirty miles to attend church service on Sunday. Others must walk five or six miles to meetings. In Western Canada, perhaps more than in any other part of the country, the Church has suffered from severe shortages of fully-trained ministers, especially during the war years.

Yet to-day that old pioneering spirit—rather, a new spirit of "advance for Christ"—pervades our Presbyterian Church in Western Canada. That spirit is very evident to anyone visiting the West to-day. Ministers and laymen alike are looking ahead. They are beginning to survey the districts where we have not yet established congregations, to discover the best locations for new churches. Plans are being made for the completion or the improvement of present church buildings.

Basement churches are to be given their superstructures. New organs and windows are being added to help create an atmosphere of worship in buildings that, in some cases, have been little more than halls. New organizations for the religious and missionary education of young and old are being established. Camp sites have been purchased and improved so that young people may receive extra training during the summer months. More use is being made, and will be made, of the radio to reach isolated families living beyond the bounds of mission field areas where it is possible to have personal contacts with church workers.

In the girls' department, advance may be seen. There are some groups that have been carrying on for several years with the same leader; these organizations show a steady growth in size and in the quality of the work accomplished. In some cases where leaders have been unable to continue, new leaders have been found to replace them, so that there have been comparatively few group casualties this year. Several new groups have been organized. Much of the credit for many of these new groups should go to the regional workers, who have been able to interest the members of our churches in young people's work. At the present time at least four of our largest Western cities are able to report girls' groups in every church in the city. One rural group, whose members live as far as six or seven miles from the church, has overcome the problem of distance by holding meetings on Saturday afternoon, when parents go to the village to shop. The majority of the groups appear to be doing work of a high quality. Many of them have already begun their mission study for this year. There are prospects, too, for other new groups as soon as leadership for them can be found. Young people in the West are eager to advance.

What can we do—whether we be Easterners or Westerners—to help in this advance? There are the two things that our Church has called upon us to do. First, there is personal dedication. We are to give ourselves again to Christ so that He may reign within us and lead us on to greater service in His Church, whether it be in our own community or in some other part of Canada or in some other country. Leaders are needed in the Church, for both part- and full-time service. That kind of dedication is required of us. Then, too, we are reminded that we can help our Church to advance by our gifts to the Peace Thank-offering fund, which is to be used to establish new churches, complete present ones, improve camp sites, train leaders, and extend the work of the Church generally. Let us do our share that the work of the Church in the West, indeed the whole of the work of our Presbyterian Church in Canada, may go forward.

Dr. McQueen of Edmonton

By Miss Elsie Mathieson

"History shows us how we came to be where we are."

AFTER supper with the students in Knox College one evening in the spring of 1887, Dr. James Robertson laid his hand on the shoulder of David George McQueen and with quiet emphasis said, "I want you for Edmonton."

Edmonton in 1887 was a village of 350 people, a five-day journey by stage from Calgary, the nearest point on the railway. What did the prophetic eye of the Superintendent see in it that called for an outstanding missionary? Looking down at it from the opposite bank of the river he may have observed its air of self-sufficiency and determination to look after itself. It had six general stores, a butcher-shop, a bakery, a blacksmith shop, a land office, the *Edmonton Bulletin* printing establishment, a boat-building establishment, a carriage-maker's shop, four churches, two schools, four hotels, a post office, telegraph office, grist-mill, saw-mill, and brickyard. Leisurely trails from widely scattered homesteadings all led to it. A Hudson's Bay Company's fort, the "Big House" of the factor and a detachment of North-West Mounted Police proclaimed its strategic position. Vigorous and aspiring, it was an outpost to try the mettle of any missionary. The first Presbyterian missionary, Rev. A. B. Baird, who was leaving to join the staff of Manitoba College, had set a standard of dynamic activity. Arriving on October 29, 1881, he held his first service on November 3rd, organized the congregation on November 5th, and with nine charter members held his first communion service before the year was out. On November 5, 1882, a church seating one hundred was formally opened. Immediately on his arrival he had begun services at Belmont, Fort Saskatchewan, Clover Bar, and Sturgeon River. Sturgeon River had a church, for which Mr. Baird had helped get out the logs.

And whence came the reserves of power the Superintendent divined in the earnest student of easy grace and quiet humour on whom he laid his sure hand? David George McQueen had the rugged physique, the diversity of manual skills, and the fearless attitude to hard work and discomfort of a young man from a pioneer Ontario farm. He was the youngest of ten children of James and Catherine McQueen, who on their marriage in 1833 left their native Scotland to make a home in the hardwood forest of Upper Canada. They settled at Kirkwall in Beverly Township, eight miles from Galt. It was a typical Scottish Canadian nineteenth century home, a home of industry, plenty, and simplicity, with family worship, instruction in the Scriptures and Shorter Catechism, strict observance of the Sabbath, and regular attendance at church services. A man of intellectual interests, James McQueen had brought a library with him from Scotland; it contained a complete early edition of the *Spectator.* To make sure that his family should have an education, he gave land to the section for a school. When David was old enough to go to school, his eldest brother, Robert, was the teacher, and their minister, Rev. Mr. Porteous, was Superintendent of Education for the district. We may be sure the young scholar heard many a discussion on education and theology, for both his father and his brother Robert were elders of the church. There were political discussions, too; for James McQueen took an active part in public affairs, was for nine years a member of the Municipal Council, and all his life a champion of the rights of the people. David was entering his teens at the time of Confederation, and must often have listened to the talk about a speech of George Brown, D'Arcy McGee, or John A. Macdonald.

While there was the conflict of opinions regarding the rapidly changing political structure of a young nation, there was a permanence in the nearer relationships of life. David McQueen, Knox College student, remembered just one home, the commodious stone dwelling that replaced the first log house. His brother was the teacher in the section for thirty-two years and clerk of session for sixty-four. Until David was twenty-one his only minister was Mr. Porteous, who had come to Kirkwall in 1848. In church and school there was the depth and integrity of work done by those who stay to build on the foundations they have laid.

On leaving High School David McQueen taught school for some years. Presenting lessons so that the dullest understands and the brightest has to exert himself is good practice for the preacher; and the daily shepherding of a little community of boys and girls is a kind of pastoral work. In 1880, at the age of twenty-six, he entered the University of Toronto. He graduated with honours in mathematics and proceeded at once to Knox College. The subjects of the theological course he took "in a joyous stride"; in the summers he served as missionary on difficult northern Ontario fields. He had found his vocation. Of his call to the ministry he never had a moment's doubt.

Such were the things that went to the making of the Greatheart who was to stand at one post for forty-three years and to be known to the Church in Canada as "McQueen of Edmonton".

The work called for all the gifts of hand, heart, and mind with which he had been so generously endowed. For his first undertaking his knowledge of carpentry was invaluable. A church was needed at Fort Saskatchewan, where services were being held at the police barracks. Mr. Baird, assisted by the settlers, had hauled out the logs and piled them on the chosen site, but under cover of darkness a settler had taken them to solve his own housing problem. This time Mr. McQueen built the logs into the structure almost as soon as they were cut down. In the spring of 1888 the new church was opened. Next came Clover Bar. Day after day that summer he was off early in the morning with hammer and saw. ''I spent Monday,'' he writes, ''putting the finishing touches on the pulpit at Clover Bar, and putting the battens on the gable ends. On Monday and Tuesday I purpose going with another man to plaster between the logs, and then it will be ready for services. My next building job will be the unfinished school at Stony Plain.''

Many days he worked alone, perhaps giving some anxious thought to the two weekly sermons. But if carpentry interfered with study, ability to do a man's job well and enjoy it won the respect of the settlers, particularly the young men, whose embarrassment in the presence of a minister he disarmed by his keen sense of humour and his interest in sports. He soon had the loyalty and affection of his warm-hearted congregation.

Mr. McQueen had been in Edmonton but a few months when his experience in teaching was turned to good account. The School Act of 1884 establishing public and separate schools in the North West Territories had provided for their inspection chiefly by clergy of the various denominations. As successor to Mr. Baird, Mr. McQueen was appointed Inspector of Public Schools for the Edmonton district. While the work took time and thought—sometimes a visit meant a night each way spent under the stars—it afforded an opportunity to meet the people, and in the four years he was supervising he came to know every man, woman, and child in Northern Alberta. The visit of one so experienced and sympathetic must have meant much to the isolated teacher. The pupils with childhood's intuition knew him for a friend, and as long as he lived the old-timers continued to turn to him, as by peculiar right, on occasions of trouble or joy. The Act of 1884 was only a beginning. Men like Mr. McQueen and Mr. Frank Oliver, his friend and church member, were looking to the future. They agitated vigorously for Federal grants for high schools, a central training school for teachers, and the provision of land grants for universities in the districts of Saskatchewan and Alberta; and the system of education of which Alberta is justly proud to-day owes much to their vision and perseverance.

For the young missionary the first years were lean and hard. The people were poor and scattered. Travel was on horseback or by jumper or buckboard over roads that were often muddy in summer and drifted with snow in winter. Once when going to conduct a funeral, Mr. McQueen was fourteen hours in his jumper driving through unbroken roads with the thermometer at forty below zero. More serious than the physical and financial difficulties were the lack of restraint common to frontier posts, a prevailing materialistic spirit, the ravages of strong drink, and the power of the liquor interests. Against all that threatened the well-being of the people, Mr. McQueen spoke out clearly, forcibly, and publicly. It was not easy. ''How often,'' he wrote, ''one is forced to fall back and rest on the foundations of one's faith.'' It was well for him and his work that the foundations of his faith had been well and early laid.

In 1889 Mr. McQueen went east to attend the General Assembly meeting in Toronto. The journey was saddened by news of his father's serious illness, and on the evening of the day he reached home his father died. The next year he went to Ontario again. On September 23, 1890, he was married to Miss Catherine Robertson, the dignified and gracious lady who has won and held the respect and affection of all Edmonton and its surrounding district. The first two years they lived in a rented house. There their eldest son, James, was born. In 1892 the manse was built which was their home until 1911, and in which two sons and four daughters were born.

When Mrs. McQueen came to Edmonton, she made the last two hundred miles of her wedding journey by buckboard. The next year the Calgary and Edmonton Railway was completed; settlers poured into the district; the congregation grew rapidly, and the manse was a busy place, filled with settlers, travellers, ministers and students, on their way to and from the North. On May 1, 1893, Mr. McQueen was formally called and inducted, and on April 1, 1896, the congregation became self-sustaining. Mr. Augustus Bridle has described a Sunday service in the nineties, when he was leader of the choir:

''Some Sundays nearly half of the congregation would be half-breeds, many of whom had married white men. There was little about the old six-windowed, brown-yellow church, with the porch in front, to make it look like a kirk; but when McQueen rose to preach, you knew well by his accent and his grim fervour that none of his ancestors could have been either Methodists or Roman Catholics. And the tunes for the day were most of them the grand old folk songs of faith that precentors used to sing away back in Dundee and Aberdeen.'' After giving the names, with humorous descriptive touches, of some sixteen prominent Westerners, he goes on: "These were some of the men to whom McQueen preached a fervent, vigorous Gospel, hammered into him by the hoofs of his old roan horse, John. If any man now living (1913) knows those trails that have since become populous roads, McQueen is that man. He travelled them with faith, hard-tack and charity. . . . The trail and the manless prairie and the cold, old kirk with its great box-stove, and the moccasined half-breeds and the sinewy sermons, and the stern old joyful hymns, made for McQueen a vision of the old Scotland that his fathers had left and that none of them could ever forget."

The extraordinary influx of population in the first decade of this century laid heavy responsibilities upon Mr. McQueen's broad shoulders. He would not call them burdens. To him it was a day of opportunity, a dawn when it was bliss to be alive. Offers of easier and more lucrative berths—they were not a few—had no attraction for him. Love of the people, faith in the future of the great new North, loyalty to Christ and the Church, these held him fast. When Alberta became a province in 1905, he followed with watchful interest all legislation affecting the well-being of the people. As capital and university town, Edmonton acquired new problems as well as new dignity; and on civic committees and boards and on the Senate of the University, Mr. McQueen's integrity, judgment, energy, and saving sense of humour made him invaluable. In the General Assembly he urged the necessity of following the settlers immediately with the ministry of the Word, and of enlisting the services of the women of the Church in Home Mission work. The organization of the Women's Home Missionary Society in 1903 enabled Presbyterian women to assume their share of educational, medical, and evangelistic work through school homes, hospitals, and deaconess work. In 1907 the Synod of Alberta was formed, with Mr. McQueen as its first Moderator. In 1909 Knox College conferred on him the degree of Doctor of Divinity.

Meantime he had been faithfully ministering to his own rapidly growing congregation. By 1902 the "brown-yellow kirk" was inadequate, and a brick church was built on Jasper Avenue. By 1911 this was too small and was replaced by the present beautiful edifice on 105th Street, dedicated June 3, 1912. That year the General Assembly met at Edmonton. Dr. McQueen was chosen Moderator. Twenty-five years before, he had attended his first Assembly at Winnipeg on his way to a little outpost mission; now he stood in the stately city church that was its outgrowth to receive the highest honour his Church has to bestow.

The years that followed, so full of promise of serenity and rich fulfilment for Dr. and Mrs. McQueen, were darkened by two tragic conflicts. The war of 1914-18 took its toll of the congregation and of friends outside it. In 1915 their two eldest sons, James and Alex, left for France, and on June 4, 1916, Alex was killed in the battle of Sanctuary Wood. It is believed that Dr. McQueen never fully recovered from the blow. In the controversy preceding Church Union some of his old friends were estranged; and in 1925 he saw the Church disrupted and her work in confusion. He was now over seventy. He had given almost forty years to making the Presbyterian Church a force in the West he loved, believing firmly that her faith, her principles, and her traditions were vital in the establishment of the nation in righteousness. It cannot be wondered at that he returned from the Assembly that year with a heavy heart.

In First Church, Edmonton, a large majority voted against union; its work went on vigorously, and its membership steadily grew. To lighten Dr. McQueen's labours the congregation appointed Rev. Thomas Tate as associate minister. Nevertheless, the next five years were a time of great activity for Dr. McQueen, both in First Church and in the councils of the Presbyterian Church.

In October 1930 he underwent an operation, from which he did not recover. He died October 22nd. ''In his death,'' says Mr. Corbett, ''Dr. McQueen belonged to Northern Alberta. Flags in the city were at half-mast, and leaders from every walk of life and of every creed stood side by side with battered old-timers, farmers, trappers, traders, as well as sophisticated young men and women of the city, to pay tribute to a good man who had gone home.''

An editorial in the *Winnipeg Free Press* gave the reason why Dr. McQueen held such a place in the hearts of the people: ''When a man becomes a landmark, as did Dr. McQueen, there is a reason for it. With him it was force of character. Combined with a deep vein of tolerant humour there ran in him a strictness of honesty and integrity that was as rare as it was precious. He was immovable in his loyalties. . . . Everybody trusted him; everybody came to him for help; and everybody respected him. . . . Long after his soft-voiced speech has been forgotten, long after there is no one left who can remember the tall, impressive figure in Geneva gown and bands behind the reading-lamp of his high-placed pulpit, his forty years of labour will still be counting in the daily life of the Alberta capital. That is the kind of immortality that counts.''

Note—The material for this sketch has been taken chiefly from *McQueen of Edmonton* by E. A. Corbett, M.A.

In the Amkhut Area

From a letter from Miss Ellen Douglas to Mrs. Pae.

I SEE your last letter to me was written August 18th. What a long time ago and how things have moved in India since then! Now it seems that the actual rioting is less throughout the country, but Kashmir is still troubled. The spirit of suspicion and fear and dread of something they cannot quite understand is creeping in even to our wilderness, and the Bhils are beginning to ask what it is all about. In Alirajpur the rumour spread in the bazaar that Mr. Wood was helping to train the Moslems to rise up against the Hindus. While he was away and only his wife at home the bungalow was searched for arms and ammunition but, of course, they found nothing. Here the Christians and Mohammedans were ordered to take all their bows and arrows and guns to Bhabra one day—Hindus and non-Christian Bhils were not asked to go. After a few days our friends were called and their weapons returned. While there has been no actual trouble, the feeling of dread and uncertainty is depressing in a way and we wonder how best to help our friends. Surely we Christians at such a time should have a message of peace, and assurance, and we should be able to point them to the One who is certain and sure and steadfast, the Author of love and Giver of peace. Do pray that we'll have the right words.

We were greatly pleased, of course, to have Miss Rollo appointed to Amkhut. Already she is being a blessing in the community, and as her confidence in the language increases she will be more and more useful. The money sent for the jeep for Dr. Martin is to be used for a jeep for her. Already we have begun going once a week to Sardi and hope soon to be able to have clinics in other places as well. The roads are just now being repaired after the rains, and our car doesn't navigate the rough spots too well—we'll do better when we get the jeep.

With Miss Rollo here to care for the sick and keep an eye on the little ones, I have more time for some of the other things that have been crying out to be done. With my perfect gem of a helper, Mabel bai, I have been out visiting in the homes. We are having night classes now, too, for the young men and boys of the community. Our attendance thus far is not large, only about fourteen, but some of these are the very worst boys in the community, and I feel we have a good opportunity to reach them. Do pray that we will be able to win them for Christ. . . . Please rest assured that we have all we need to eat. We have not seen bread for ages, but we are thankful for other things, and wheat chappatis are good for us.

Miss Gertrude Rollo, writing on December 9th, gives us a glimpse of the work she is doing in and around Amkhut.

—Just had a recess here to tuck the children in bed (at the Abey Memorial Children's Nursing Home). It has become too cold for them sleeping on the verandah, so we found extra blankets for some and moved the others inside. Then Jamey said that he had a very bad cough, so that made them all decide that they needed cough medicine. This is a very bad season for coughs and pneumonia. The days are warm and then it gets cold at night. The coughing is particularly noticeable in church. It is all right during the singing, but as soon as anyone begins to pray they start coughing and the chorus is terrible. . . .

At present the great project is jeep and petrol. Somehow it has been decided that the jeep that was to be bought for Dr. Martin's work will be bought for my use in my medical journeyings. [Dr. Martin was unable to go on with the work she planned to do in the Bhil villages and returned to Nagpur last spring.] We are making plans to go to some of the surrounding villages for clinics when roads are passable and petrol available. We may have to take to walking, but that is very time-consuming.

. . . I don't know exactly what brand of Public Health we have here, or if you can call it public health or what. We apply poultices, soak infected fingers, etc., on the verandah; make mustard plasters at home, then set off with plaster in hand to visit the pneumonia patient across the field, and do all sorts of weird and wonderful things that aren't recorded in books for nursing care. I think I could write a new nursing procedure book in my spare time—if I had the spare time.

—I am having the two *pundits* I had when I first came and the new people (Rev. Gordon Agar and Mrs. Agar and Miss Nichol) will have one of the Jobat teachers. They will all be in Jobat, so that they can study together. There has been some talk of the language school not being opened this next year because of the trouble in the northern areas and consequently difficulty in getting *pundits* to go to Landour.

. . . We are looking forward to having some visitors during the Christmas season. Miss Magee is planning to spend a few days with us en route to Bombay to meet Miss Reaveley, and Miss Hunter will be down from Landour and, we think, spend part of her holiday with us.

From a Presbyterial "Glad Tidings" Secretary

—"——— Ladies' Aid are giving the *Glad Tidings* to every home in the congregation this year." (Their order has been doubled.)

Prayer

ALMIGHTY God and loving Heavenly Father, we approach Thy throne of grace as we enter a new month of a new year. We know Thou art a God of majesty and power, ''infinite, eternal and unchangeable, in Thy being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness and truth''. Yet we dare to call Thee ''our loving Father'', because Jesus taught us to know Thee as a father. Thus as children to an earthly parent would we come now, happy to be so sure that Thine ear is ever open to the cry of Thy children.

We beseech Thee, our God, for the peace of our world. Take away whatsoever hinders the unity and concord of the nations; prosper all counsels which would make for the establishment of a righteous and abiding peace among the peoples of the world. Grant to us Thy children, O Lord, the inward peace and serenity which comes from living close to Thee, and fill our hearts with such love towards Thee that nothing may seem to us too hard to do or to suffer in obedience to Thee.

We pray Thee, Father, to pour out Thy blessing upon the work of our Church here in Canada. Bless our ministers, the leaders of our young, our children, our homes.

As we face new conditions and new tasks in our missionary work, we would pray, O our Father, that Thou wouldst enlarge our vision, enlighten our minds, and deepen our love toward all people of whatever race and nation, that we may remember that Thou hast ''made of one blood all nations of men who dwell on the face of the whole earth''. Bless all our missionaries, protect them in danger and provide for their every need.

Almighty God, regard with Thy tender compassion all who have been called upon to suffer bereavement; give to them Thy comfort and Thy peace. Support us all, we beseech Thee, through all our lives, until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes and our work is done. Then grant us, Lord, a holy rest and peace with Thee.

These petitions we make, with confession of our sins and thankful acknowledgement of all Thy mercies, in the Name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

It fortifies my soul to know
That, though I perish, Truth is so;
That howso'er I stray and range,
Whate'er I do, Thou dost not change.
I steadier step, when I recall
That, if I slip, Thou dost not fall.—A. H. Clough.

A Golden Opportunity for Christian Literature

BY MISS MARGARET H. BROWN, SHANGHAI

"NEVER before have our students and teachers been reading religious and allied literature dealing with human life and spiritual development as they are now. We need all the help you can give us along this line, and we want to express our deepest appreciation for everything you have been doing.

"Please keep us fully informed about publications, and send us catalogues, circulars, etc. as soon as they are ready. I am sure all over China many of us are more than willing to pay for such lists, etc., so they need not be a complete overhead expense. Why not announce such costs or bill us and send them? We so often fail to just make a gratis contribution!"

A thrill ran through the members of the Christian Literature Society as we read this letter from a teacher at "Yale-in-China" on the day previous to the celebration of our 60th anniversary. It revealed that the Christian Literature Society does not live on the strength of its golden past but is meeting the needs of a living present.

But the Society is not the only place that gets a thrill, as another letter received on the same day shows. A new missionary in China, writing from the province of Hunan, says:

"Ever since my arrival in China last February, I've been searching for a source of literature and work materials which would prove more generally acceptable from a theological and educational point of view than the 'tracts' with which our area is flooded. Strange that it has taken me so long to find someone to introduce me to the Christian Literature Society! But having seen the books and pamphlets included in your mailing, I'm extremely eager to be included in your membership at the earliest possible date. . . . I'm particularly interested in worship materials, and materials for use in courses on the Christian Home."

But missionaries are not the only people who appreciate our work. The Chinese like our magazines as well as our books. Hear what a little Chinese child says:

"Every day I run down the street to see whether my *Happy Childhood* has come . . . then suddenly to-day it is here and I opened it at once."

The grown-ups like *Happy Childhood,* too. An adult subscriber writes: "I have long admired the splendid work which your magazine has been doing in the distribution of good Christian literature for children. You are really doing pioneer work by preaching the truth to them, making their pure hearts to shine with the true light and thus enabling them to become brave soldiers of the cross for the future. During this dark age every devoted Christian has the feeling that the lack of truth in people is largely due to the general breakdown of morals, and so hopes that the Christian gospel will be accepted by the whole world.'' ''People who live in town have more chance to get the truth than those who live in the country. I live in the country and find a great demand for devotional books, especially for children . . . . please recommend me some.''

And the Woman's magazine is welcomed just as warmly as the children's: ''You can't imagine how happy I was after reading your magazine, the *Woman's Messenger.* This is the first time I have seen it and I enjoyed reading it very much. It is indeed very interesting and invaluable for women; in fact, it contains 'everything' that a woman would want to know. . . . I know it widened my knowledge spiritually and mentally.''

Our magazines can not only be bought from agents in far-away places but they can be purchased from the bookstalls and bookshops everywhere in Shanghai. A Shanghai school boy writes:

''I am a fourth grade pupil of the Chung Cheng Primary School. One day on my way home I went to the Kaiming Bookstore to buy some books and accidentally came across a copy of *Happy Childhood* magazine No. 3, Vol. 33. I was very happy after I read its contents and bought a copy. I feel it is the best kind of 'Spiritual Food' for us children. I also feel that my knowledge has increased through reading it and I wish I could be with *Happy Childhood* all the time.''

Another little boy bought a copy from a bookstall on the streets of Shanghai and bumped into people as he went along because he couldn't wait until he reached home to read the stories!

And thanks to our good friends and supporters in the home lands we are able to keep the magazine subscriptions down sufficiently to make it available even for poor children in far-away corners of China. A young lad in Shanghai remembered his little brother and sister in an out-of-the-way corner of Fukien province and wrote to us:

''Many times I have wished I could buy my little sister and brother, who are in the most remote and poor corner of China, some good reading material but unfortunately my financial problems have kept me from doing so. Recently when I came across your *Happy Childhood* I was indeed startled for two reasons; first, the magazine is so up to date, fresh and suitable for little children. Second, your subscription fee is so inexpensive that anyone even in our part of the country can afford to subscribe and be greatly benefited by it. I therefore wish to subscribe for *Happy Childhood* for my under-nourished sister and brother who are so hungry for this spiritual food.''

These letters lose some of their Chinese flavour in translation but the picture that comes to the mind as one reads the large number that arrive daily at our desk is that of literally tens of thousands of young people and older folk hungering for the kind of literature which our Society provides. It is a challenge to us to gird ourselves to the task with all our strength for we know not how long this golden opportunity may last. Even as these words are written, communications deteriorate as armies clash and city after city is placed out of bounds to our literature.

We are thankful for the generous support which has made this work possible. We want to share with you not only its problems but its achievements and pleasures. With your support and prayers we face the future with confidence.

—*Margaret H. Brown.*

December 18, 1947.

—Rev. James Dickson

Hill people in Formosa eager to hear more of the Gospel story.

London Letter

From Miss Margaret Wrong, Secretary of the International Committee on Christian Literature for Africa (November 21, 1947).

— Yesterday evening crowds stood outside Buckingham Palace cheering and calling, ''We want the bride.'' Many people kept an all-night vigil along the route of the wedding procession, sitting on wet pavements, perching on top of telephone kiosks, staking out claims by lamp posts. Some slept, some sang, some danced the night away, and coffee stalls did a roaring business. With dawn the crowds increased, eager to see the pageantry and eager, too, to express sincere affection for the royal family. ''They're a good family,'' said one young man, ''but what a life! Always before the public, and do they work!'' ''I hope from my heart,'' said a woman, ''that Elizabeth and Philip will be happy,'' and added, ''It's good to see a bit of happiness when there is so much unhappiness in the world.'' People lingered before the Palace after cheering the bridal pair as they drove off in the gathering dusk. . . .

Since last writing I have had five months in Canada and the United States. In Canada I attended the Committee of the International Missionary Council—the first since the war. It was a meeting of peoples of many races and nations from all over the world. Deliberations centred round the subject of Christian Witness in a Revolutionary World. Many of those present had suffered for their witness. During the month's meetings the relevance of the Christian Gospel for to-day was faced, for ''unless it is clear to the mind of man that the Kingdom of God made real in Christ is far more satisfying than the Kingdom of man devoutly believed in by Communists there is no hope that the Gospel will verify itself as the power of God unto salvation in the present age.'' It was realized that witness demands of the Churches united action and growth in the partnership of the younger and older Churches finding expression in all their work and planning. This meeting, held in a small country town, brought a new conception of international Christian fellowship to local people and their kindness to the delegates knew no bounds. (An account of the meeting is given in *Tomorrow is Here* by K. Latourette and R. Hogg.)

I had the opportunity in America to meet a wide range of people interested in African affairs, including African friends on the staff of the United Nations. As anxiety about international tension increased and prices rose, certain fundamental questions—notably how to meet world food shortages—came more and more to the fore. There is more understanding than there was of the necessity, to quote Sir

John Orr, of ''bold and far-reaching action to overcome current and future food shortages''. Dr. Reisner of the Agricultural Missions Foundation, just back from India and Asia, was drafting proposals for the training and establishment in selected districts of teams of missionaries who would plan and work with rural churches to raise the standard of life, both material and spiritual. People from a number of countries are studying the agricultural extension work of the United States Department of Agriculture. After a lapse of years I had the opportunity of visiting Negro farmers round Tuskegee with Mr. T. M. Campbell. . . .

Returning to Britain after five months' absence certain changes in conditions and attitudes are evident. There has been some progress in repairing bombed sites, though fireweed still blossoms on acres of London's ruins. The housing shortage is still acute but some of the new houses win warm approval. ''It is a dream of a house,'' said one woman of an aluminium ''pre-fab'', ''so easy to keep and, would you believe it, there's a refrigerator!'' The hot summer has made possible some saving of domestic fuel and the reaching of the coal target for this period is cheering. On the other hand, food is shorter owing to the heritage of frost, floods, drought, world shortages and the dollar situation. For the first time potatoes are rationed. The bacon ration of 2 oz. a week is halved; the meat ration is one lb. a week without the supplementary issue of corn beef; there is no hope for a long time to come of increasing the milk ration of two pints per adult a week. . . . On the other hand, some things, tinned fruit juice for instance, which were not available can now be obtained. Fish is plentiful and unrationed and whale is appearing on menus. If flavoured with artistry it is not bad. In spite of shortages, Britain figures in a recent survey as the fourth best fed country in the world. . . .

Preoccupation with material shortages tends to cloud values. A Chinese student in Britain wrote recently to a daily paper in criticism of a contribution to its columns, ''I am a Chinese . . . as a foreigner . . . it was the author's understanding of civilization which puzzled me. As I have understood, the Western civilization is the spirit of facing life squarely, the fundamental of living decently; it is the seriousness of searching the Truth, the fundamental of scientific developments; it is the respect of individuals, the fundamental democracy; it is the sense of exactness, the fundamental of efficient organization and so forth. . . . It is rather pitiful that British people are too much interested in the material side, and forget what the real Western civilization is.''

The World Day of Prayer

February 13th, 1948

Prepared by members of the World Day of Prayer Committee of the United States of America

Theme: *The Lord's Prayer*

Call to Prayer

Father of All Mankind, we come in deep humility, giving Thee our thanks and praise. Here and now we confess our sins. Forgive us our mistakes and transgressions. Grant us faith to look with fearless eyes beyond the chaos of our world and time, knowing that out of this shall rise, lifted by Thy grace, peace with justice and a time of brotherhood.

Vouchsafe unto us the will to work together. Create within us the unselfish purpose of Thy Son, who gave His life for all peoples, and may our deeds reflect the mind of Christ. Remove from us greed and suspicion. Lift us above pettiness and destroy the hate that is the great destroyer.

Throughout the earth may that which we profess come alive in human relations. May we serve Thee better and love Thee more, that Thy Kingdom may come on earth as it is in heaven, through Jesus Christ Thy Son, our Lord. Amen.

(*Mrs. Daniel A. Poling*)

Leader: The dawn of the World Day of Prayer breaks over the Fiji Islands at the edge of the International Date Line. The Christians of the Fijis (eighty per cent of the Islanders) lift up the first paeans of praise and thanksgiving as the world community meets to-day at the altar of God. For forty-four hours the songs of prayer and praise will rise on continent and island. Together in one thousand and sixty-eight languages and dialects we Christians of the world proclaim the reign of God.

God will be with us who pray under the shade of His trees; He will be with us in thatch-roofed chapels and in kraals; He will be with us in cathedrals whose upreaching Gothic arches lift us to Him, and He will come in all His beauty to be with us in barren rooms; He will precede us into hospitals and factories and into radio stations. And when the strains of prayer and praise die away on the St. Lawrence Island in the cold Arctic, and in the tropical Tonga Islands where the Christian queen, Salote, leads the kneeling hosts, universal prayer will have encircled the world.

Leader: When His disciples asked Christ to teach them how to pray, He gave them the perfect prayer that has been used by all His followers everywhere throughout the centuries, making a great common bond that superseded national and racial divisions. This Prayer will be the theme of our service to-day. Let us stand and repeat it together.

The Lord's Prayer: (All standing)

Our Father who art in Heaven,
Hallowed be Thy name.
Thy Kingdom come.
Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:
For thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever.
Amen.

Hymn No. 437: Dear Lord and Father of mankind, 1, 2, 3, 6. (Tune: Elton)

Leader: **OUR FATHER WHO ART IN HEAVEN:**

These two words, ''Our Father,'' are pregnant with meaning. To us Christians they also are filled with responsibility, for as we repeat the first two words of this prayer universal we commit ourselves to the world-changing fact that the peoples of the world are ONE, that ''He hath made of one blood all nations . . .'' and that every man and woman and child of all races and nations is a son or a daughter of God. In many languages and dialects to-day we are breathing these words into the ear of the Infinite God. As we say them let us resolve to make them a living, daily prayer. In many nations around the world to-day people are meditating on what this prayer means. Do we feel the oneness of humanity, the one family of God?

Prayer: Eternal God, the giver of all true brotherhood, make us ashamed of all that breaks and weakens the fellowship of men, especially within the Church of Christ. Raise up amongst us an order of society based on love, wherein none shall seek to profit by another's loss. Whatsoever we desire, let us desire it not for ourselves alone but for our neighbours also. And this we ask by faith in Him who is the living and the true way, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Leader: **HALLOWED BE THY NAME:**

Leader and People: We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory. Glory be to Thee, O Lord, most high.

Leader: In the Book of Exodus there is related the ever-living story of the enlightenment of Moses. One day young Moses saw a light; it appeared in a bush near where he was tending his sheep. And from the burning bush came a voice: ''Put off thy shoes from off thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground.'' The place became hallowed for the Voice was the Voice of God.

Those of us who are looking for the light to-day will find it. We, too, will hear a voice and see a light. And in this short hour we, too, may realize anew that where we stand is holy ground and even like Moses may hear the words, ''I am the God of your fathers.''

Hymn No. 135: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty (Tune: Nicaea).

Leader: **THY KINGDOM COME, THY WILL BE DONE IN EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN:**

Jesus said: Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness; and, he that doeth the will of God shall enter into the Kingdom of God.

People: Dear Lord, fill us this day with the power of Thy love, even Thy redeeming love, so that the forces of evil may be conquered in us, and in the world, and the way may be made straight for the coming of Thy Kingdom.

We pray especially for those men and women who represent the peoples of the world in the United Nations, that they may be filled with Thy wisdom, Thy understanding, Thy justice, Thy righteousness, Thy concern for all nations, great and small, and for all people everywhere. Amen.

Leader: Let us pray for the representatives from Canada to the General Assembly and Security Council of the United Nations.

A prayer by one chosen.

(The women of each country are praying to-day for their representatives in the United Nations Organization.)

Leader and People: (Standing and repeating together the Preamble to the Charter of the United Nations.)

WE, THE PEOPLES OF THE UNITED NATIONS, DETERMINED: to save succeeding generations from the scourge of war, which twice in our lifetime has brought untold sorrow to mankind, and to reaffirm faith in fundamental human rights, in the dignity and worth of the human person, in equal rights of men and women and of nations, large and small, and to establish conditions under which justice and respect for the obligations arising from treaties and other sources of international law can be maintained, and to promote social progress and better standards of life in larger freedom,

AND FOR THESE ENDS to practise tolerance and live together in peace with one another as good neighbours, and to unite our strength to maintain international peace and security, and to ensure, by the acceptance of principles and the institution of methods, that armed force shall not be used, save in the common interest, and to employ international machinery for the promotion of the economic and social advancement of all peoples,

HAVE RESOLVED TO COMBINE OUR EFFORTS TO ACCOMPLISH THESE AIMS.

The National Anthem: (Sung as a prayer)

Leader: We beseech Thee, O God, that our national leaders and governing bodies may discharge their responsibilities on the high plane of obedience to Thy will, that all people may know the peace which is the fruit of just laws and wise government.

People: Grant, O Lord, that the rule of love may come to replace the rule of force in the world.

Leader: Grant, O Lord, that men everywhere may come to believe that Thou art our common Father, and all men are brothers. Grant us to live as though we believed it.

People: We pray, O Lord, that leaders and people in every nation may repent and turn to Thee and Thy way as the only true way in which to solve the world's problems.

Intercessory Prayers:

Leader: Let us pray for the Christians in all countries, that God will so strengthen their faith and increase their courage that they may claim their countries for Christ by the power of their prayers, as well as by the power of their lives.

A prayer by one chosen.

Leader: Let us pray for the Church throughout the world, that in every nation she may fearlessly stand for truth and justice and earnestly strive for a better world.

A prayer by one chosen.

Leader: Let us pray for the youth of our lands, for homes united in love, for schools and all organizations that educate for world citizenship.

A prayer by one chosen.

Leader: Let us pray that the women of our land may dedicate themselves anew to the service of the Church and to their responsibilities as Christian citizens.

A prayer by one chosen.

Scripture Reading: John 17: 17-24 (by one chosen).

Hymn No. 300: I love Thy Kingdom, Lord (Tune: Old 134th St. Michael)

Leader: **GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD:**

We ask Thee, dear Lord, that Thou wilt feed our bodies and grant that we may learn the principles of caring enough to share so that none may go hungry. We beseech Thee for those who have suffered as a result of war, natural calamities, famine or economic inequalities. Grant us the will to take a step this day to alleviate their suffering. Amen.

Intercessory Prayers:

Leader: Let us pray for those who are hungry in Europe and for the Relief Work of the World Council of Churches.

A prayer by one chosen.

Leader: Let us pray for those in need in Asia and for the Christian missionaries and national Christian leaders who are seeking to help them.

A prayer by one chosen.

Leader: Let us pray for an outpouring of gifts for relief in Europe and Asia from the people of the Canadian Churches.

A prayer by one chosen.

Leader: **FORGIVE US OUR TRESPASSES AS WE FORGIVE THOSE WHO TRESPASS AGAINST US:**

Litany:

Leader: Merciful Father, forgive us for breaking Thy laws and in so doing bringing famine, war, pestilence and death to Thy world.

People: We beseech Thee to hear us, dear Lord.

Leader: Forgive us our national hatreds, class hatreds, racial hatreds.

People: We beseech Thee to hear us, dear Lord.

Leader: Forgive us our greed, our fear, our selfishness, our prejudice.

People: We beseech Thee to hear us, dear Lord.

Leader: Forgive us our attitude of superiority toward other nations.

People: We beseech Thee to hear us, dear Lord.

Leader: Forgive us our materialism, our coldness to strangers in our midst.

People: We beseech Thee to hear us, dear Lord.

Leader: Forgive us for those sins which keep us small and divided when we should be great and united.

People: We beseech Thee to hear us, dear Lord.

Hymn No. 397 (3, 4, 6, 7): There's a wideness in God's mercy (Tune: Stuttgart)

Leader: **LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION, BUT DELIVER US FROM EVIL:**

Litany:

Leader: Dear Lord, lead us by Thy Holy Spirit; guide our thoughts, our words and our acts; help us to stand for the truth in the face of misunderstanding, persecution and the temptation to compromise under the pressure of public opinion. Deliver us from self-righteousness, intolerance, hypocrisy, moral cowardice and selfish ambition.

People: Good Lord, deliver us.

Leader: Deliver us, O Lord, from the greedy, the selfish, the ruthless, all those who would exploit and harm. Deliver us from those who would sacrifice public good to private gain. Deliver us from false leaders and false ideas. Deliver us from the selfish devices and desires of our own hearts and from contempt of Thy word and commandments.

People: Good Lord, deliver us.

Leader: Our Father, we thank Thee that Thou canst deliver us from sorrow, sickness, want and defeat at the hands of every earthly enemy and circumstance. Help us to remember Thy Son's great promise: ''In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.'' Amen.

Hymn No. 540: Lead on, O King Eternal (Tune: Lancashire)

Leader: **FOR THINE IS THE KINGDOM AND THE POWER AND THE GLORY FOR EVER AND EVER:**

Thine, O Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty; for all that is in the heaven and in the earth is

Thine; Thine is the kingdom, O Lord, and Thou art exalted as head above all. Now therefore, O God, we thank Thee, and praise Thy glorious name.

We adore Thee, O Lord God Almighty, for Thine is the kingdom that shall not be destroyed.

We adore Thee for that Thou art King, be the people never so impatient: for that Thou sittest between the cherubims, be the earth never so unquiet.

We adore Thee, for that Thy power loveth righteousness and hath prepared justice.

Help us to sing Thy praises with understanding and to give ourselves, our souls and bodies, for the service of Thy kingdom.

We adore Thee for the glory of Thy kingdom and of Thy power. Grant that by the Holy Spirit's guidance, men and women may learn to speak of Thy marvellous acts and to tell of Thy greatness, that Thy kingdom, Thy power and Thy glory may become known in all lands.

We adore Thee for the glory of Thy righteousness, of Thy holiness, of Thy loving kindness; above all for the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

We pray that Thine abundant grace, through the thanksgiving of many in all lands for the ministry of Thy holy Word and Sacraments, may redound to Thy glory, O Lord, Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

Let us worship and fall down and kneel before Thee, O Lord our God, for Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Solo: ''The Lord's Prayer,'' by Albert A. Malotte (if desired).

Brief Address (if desired).

The Offering:

Leader: (The Leader should draw attention to the world-wide service made possible by the offering.)

We have joined in prayer for the world. Let us bring our gifts for the world.

(The offering is received and presented.)

Dedicatory Prayer: Dear Heavenly Father, as Thou didst increase the five loaves and two fishes, to feed the multitudes, so transform this our offering, given out of thankful hearts, that it may bless multitudes, whom not having seen, we love. Amen.

Hymn No. 671: The day Thou gavest, Lord, is ended (Tune: St. Clement)

Benediction: May the God of Peace that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do His will, working in you that which is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

All offerings are sent to Miss Bessie MacMurchy, 122 South Drive, Toronto 5, Treasurer, and communications to Miss E. R. Whiteside, 128 Collier St., Toronto 5, Corresponding Secretary of the Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada.

For **ALLOCATIONS FROM 1947 OFFERTORY** see *Glad Tidings,* October 1947, page 374.

A GIFT FOR RELIEF IN EUROPE AND ASIA

Urgent calls for additional Relief for Europe and Asia have been issued by the Canadian Council of Churches through its Committee on Overseas Relief, and an appeal has been made to all the communions for help. The women of the various Churches, we feel sure, will loyally support this appeal.

Your generous contributions to the World Day of Prayer offering this year will enable the Women's Inter-Church Council to add to the grants already made for help in Europe, a gift to the Canadian Council of Churches for Relief in Europe and Asia.

LITERATURE PAGE

Miss Louise A. Reith

MANY members of the Auxiliaries will remember having read during the past few years two books by Dr. H. P. Van Dusen—FOR THE HEALING OF THE NATIONS (now out of print) and THEY FOUND THE CHURCH THERE. A more recent book by the same author entitled WORLD CHRISTIANITY, YESTERDAY, TODAY, TOMORROW will therefore be of interest.

In the section devoted to "World Christianity, Yesterday", Dr. Van Dusen briefly summarizes the "expansion" and "consolidation" of Christianity during the past years.

In the section "World Christianity, Today", he tells of "The Christian World Mission" and "The World Christian Community", giving "a summary account of the ordeal of missions during the second World War and an appraisal of the lessons of this immediate past for the tasks of the immediate future". By means of various illustrations the author shows how the "World Christian Community" enabled "Christian fellowship and collaboration to be established and strengthened amidst war's starkest cruelty and fiercest hatred".

Looking to "World Christianity, Tomorrow"—"Face to face with that unforeseeable, and yet all too readily predictable, future stand Christians and their churches. What gifts for its need may world Christianity bring?" asks Dr. Van Dusen. In enumerating some of the "gifts" he points first to the "World Church" and emphasizes the need for co-operation among its various branches, for he says, "May it not be only the massed resources of the whole Church of Christ can bring significant revival to any part of Christ's Church in this day?''

WORLD CHRISTIANITY, YESTERDAY, TODAY, TOMORROW, by H. P. Van Dusen $1.00

We would remind all who have not secured copies of CHRISTIAN WORLD FACTS 1948 that copies are still available and that as always that digest of news from the Church around the world contains many stories and incidents which will prove of interest for private reading and valuable for telling at Auxiliary meetings.

CHRISTIAN WORLD FACTS 1948 .... $ .25

AUXILIARIES

Mrs. W. A. McLennan and Miss E. L. McClelland

THE office of Secretary is one of much responsibility. The duties of the Secretary of an Auxiliary are many and very important. She shall record the proceedings of the Auxiliary and the Executive, and read the minutes at each regular meeting. She shall keep a roll of membership and keep a correct list of all present and of all absentees. She shall give notice of all meetings. She shall conduct all the correspondence except regarding the work of other secretaries' departments.

She shall prepare an annual report, which must be submitted to the Annual Meeting of the Auxiliary for approval, after which she shall forward a copy with the names of the newly elected officers to the clerk of Session of the congregation and to the Corresponding Secretary of the Presbyterial at the end of the year.

The Secretary should communicate with the President as soon as any correspondence is received, but reply to it only as directed.

She should study the work of each department to avoid mistakes in correspondence.

She should bring to the meeting items of business arising out of the minutes and recommendations from the Executive.

The Secretary should present all correspondence from Presbyterial, Synodical or Council Executive to the Auxiliary meeting. Such letters as will be needed for further reference should be filed methodically by the Secretary, and of these she is the custodian.

The Secretary should see that all records are kept in a permanent form and properly signed. She should hand over all records and correspondence promptly to her successor in office.

The minutes should contain a record of the actual proceedings of the Auxiliary meetings. All motions, duly moved and seconded, should be recorded and all reports of Committees. The minutes should be a clear, definite record of all transactions, but should not deal with discussions or opinions advanced during the course of the meeting. They should never under any circumstances contain the personal opinions or criticisms, whether favourable or unfavourable, of the Secretary. It is neither wise nor necessary to include a synopsis of a paper given or of an address; to give the general theme is sufficient. On the members of the Auxiliary rests the responsibility of making sure that the minutes of their meetings present an accurate account of the proceedings, and that the annual report is correct.

Notice of Meeting: It is not correct to say ''The Women's Missionary Society will meet at such and such a time.'' It should be ''The (name) Auxiliary of the Women's Missionary Society will meet—.'' If there is no Press Secretary, the Secretary has the responsibility of seeing that meetings are announced and reported in the local press, and that from time to time matters of general interest are reported to the Presbyterial Press Secretary for *The Glad Tidings.*

The Annual Report should contain the intimate story of the Auxiliary—new methods tried, successes and failures and plans for the future. In filling out the Auxiliary report form, the Secretary should consult with the other Secretaries so that there will be no conflicting reports, and should see that all figures are clearly written and all names and addresses correct and legible.

YOUNG WOMEN

Mrs. C. N. Johnston, ***Secretary***

ONE of the things that one notices in visiting young women's groups of our Women's Missionary Society is a lack of knowledge, and a resulting lack of interest, as to the relationship of the group to the Presbyterial Society. This lack of interest is shown in several ways. For instance, when a representative from the Presbyterial Executive is visiting a group there is sometimes a good deal of confusion on the part of the members of the group as to who she is and what she is doing there. We also see this lack of interest in the poor response that we often find to an invitation to attend Presbyterial rallies, annual meetings, and so on.

A Young Women's group is a part of the Women's Missionary Society family, which includes children's groups, girls' organizations, young women's, evening, and senior Auxiliaries. Representing some of the youth and vitality of that family, the young women's group has a very important part to play in it. When we speak of the Presbyterial we mean the group of people who make up all Auxiliaries, girls' organizations and other branches of the Women's Missionary Society within its bounds. The president of a Young Women's group is a member of the Presbyterial Executive.

The Young Women's Secretary of the Presbyterial Society is the "focal" person for all the Young Women's groups within the Presbyterial. It is her job to help and encourage groups, to visit them, to give them information that she feels will be helpful, and to try to encourage the organization of new groups. If a Presbyterial Secretary comes to visit your group, remember that she is there as a representative of the Presbyterial to give you any help that she can. It would be a nice idea for you to invite her to come to a special meeting that you might be having, or else to invite her to one of your regular meetings.

Meeting with members of other Young Women's groups at rallies and conferences gives each member of a group more insight into the work of our Women's Missionary Society. This is where we receive new ideas, and inspiration to carry on the work in our own individual groups. The same thing happens when we attend Presbyterial or Synodical annual meetings. Let's attend more of them!

—Helen N. Scott.

GIRLS and LEADERS

Mrs. Harold Keefer, *Secretary*

WINGS OVER THE WORLD—Does not that title stir your imagination and make you visualize a huge airliner speeding from continent to continent? That is the title of the Mission Study for Presbyterian Teen-age Groups for this year and all the members of every group can be on board that liner if they can see to it that their groups take the suggested study, which has been prepared by Margaret Webster, our own Girls' Work Secretary.

Taking off from Canada the course is routed via Europe, Africa, Asia, Australia, Latin America and back again to North America. Contacts are made with the young people in these lands either by personal meetings and discussions, by letters, or by radio broadcasts.

Truly it is a "high-speed" flight, but as those taking the flight meet others of their own age in the lands they touch it is hoped that they may realize and appreciate more fully the world-wide Church of Jesus Christ; gain "a sense of the need in the world, especially the need for the Gospel Message''; acquire a better understanding of ''the ways in which the Church is striving to meet the needs of the world'' and see ''the place our own Presbyterian Church in Canada is taking''; be inspired ''to dedicate themselves to membership in and service for the Christian Church'' and appreciate with more understanding ''the leadership in the Church of the people of other races and nationalities''.

Many helpful suggestions are given to assist both in the preparation of the information given and in presenting it. Appropriate Services of Worship are included in the booklet as well as project activities, games from many of the lands visited in the flight, a ''Festival of Nations'' with which to conclude the study project, a note on Affiliation with the Women's Missionary Society and a Service of Re-Affiliation, which is used upon the completion of the Mission Study. If the group has not affiliated before, a Service of Affiliation may be secured by writing either to the Girls' Work Secretary or to the Literature Department.

Presbyterian Girls' Groups should see that they do not miss this flight which will enable them to meet people of many lands who with themselves are part of the Christian Church in the world.

WINGS OVER THE WORLD. By Margaret Webster .... $ .65

—*Louise A. Reith.*

CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT

Mrs. W. N. Ferguson, *Secretary*

LEADERS of Mission Bands and Explorer groups are always eager for suggestions for handwork. The purpose of handwork is to help our children to learn. In our groups its chief value is to make what is being studied clearer, and to give an opportunity to do something for others. We should always have the handwork ''fit-in'' with the mission study.

Children all over the world love pictures; and they may be used effectively to help children to understand and remember a story. One way in which our Mission Bands and Explorers may share the Bible with others is by sending pictures and picture scrap-books to our missionaries for use in their work.

Please note: (1) Send only pictures and scrap-books which are fresh and clean. (2) Use pictures illustrating Bible stories, of babies, animals, beautiful scenes, flowers, etc. (3) In order to avoid having some missionaries deluged with the handwork, we suggest you write to the Children's

Work Secretary at Room 800, 100 Adelaide St. W., Toronto 1, Ontario, asking where to send your parcel.

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What is My Name?

(Facts about seven well-known Bible people given below to be used in a quiz. The leader should read one paragraph at a time, giving the children time to guess the name of the character. The Bible references are given on page 88 so that those not known may be looked up. Later leader and children could give facts about other Bible characters to quiz each other.)

I was a friend of one of the greatest men the world has known. I was a young man. I was trained by two godly women—my mother and grandmother. I was a great student of the Scriptures. I became a preacher of the Gospel in the early Church.

I knew the Apostle Peter very well. When Peter was imprisoned I went to a house where they were praying for him. I heard him knock at the door of that house after he had been set free. I knew his voice and ran to tell the people before I opened the door. I believed it was Peter when others did not.

I was a highly educated man and a Roman citizen. I obeyed the Jewish law strictly and persecuted the followers of Christ. I was suddenly changed by a vision from heaven. I became a great traveller, and a writer of several of the books of the Bible. I loved Christ and my whole aim was to teach others about Him.

I was my father's favourite son. My brothers were jealous and sold me into slavery. I went through much suffering but became a great man in the end. I saved many people from starving. I forgave my wicked brothers and saved them and my father.

I had many brothers. I liked the out-of-doors, and was often on the hillsides. I liked music and wrote many songs. I was never a prince but I became a king. I had many enemies and led my armies against them. I was clever with a sling.

My mother prayed to God for a little son. I lived with a priest when I was a boy. My mother visited me every year and brought me presents. God spoke to me when I was asleep one night. I became a prophet of God and crowned the first king of Israel, when the people shouted ''God save the King''.

I lived beside a lake and often went fishing. My brother told me about his new friend Jesus. I, too, became Jesus' friend, but was not always loyal to him. I travelled around Palestine preaching and teaching about Jesus. My name means ''rock'' or ''stone''.

THROUGH THE SOCIETY

BRITISH COLUMBIA

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KAMLOOPS-Okanagan Presbyterial—The St. Andrew's Auxiliary, Armstrong, had a well attended Thank-offering meeting in November. The speaker was the pastor, the Rev. James Hyde, who told of his life in the Moody Schools at Northfield while he was at Mount Hermon in the eastern States. The offering was the largest the Auxiliary had had; the generosity of the congregation was greatly appreciated. At the annual meeting in December all officers were re-elected.

Westminster Presbyterial—The Chinese Auxiliary held a most successful open meeting in December; it was also their annual meeting. Mrs. J. Con presided during the first part of the meeting, in which both Chinese and English were spoken. The annual report was read by Mrs. Mary Yuen. The Rev. D. A. Smith conducted the election, and the Rev. H. A. Berlis, Moderator of Presbytery, installed the officers for 1948. Miss Susan Yeung is the new president. A fine address, given by Rev. D. A. Smith, gave encouragement to all who were looking forward to carrying on missionary work in the coming year. There were representatives from many Vancouver churches present. Chow mein was served by the ladies after the meeting.

The Chinese Sunday School entertainment was held in the church on December 18th. Mr. Paul Lee, superintendent, was chairman, and Rev. Y. N. Kwan welcomed the children, their parents and guests. The ''Christmas Blessing'', in coloured pictures, was shown. The Sunday School sang hymns in Chinese and English; and the Mission Band, taught by Miss Annie Wilson, and the Kindergarten, trained by Miss Ruth Yeandle, sang some songs. Mrs. Norma Anderson told a Christmas story. The annual Sunday School awards were made by Miss Lilian Murray, a teacher in the Sunday School. The Rev. D. A. Smith and Miss Elsie Potter, also a Sunday School teacher, were in charge of the lantern slides.

At the annual meeting of St. Stephen's Auxiliary, North Vancouver, the departmental reports showed that 1947 had been a very successful year. The Rev. H. A. Berlis conducted the installation service—the election of officers had resulted in little change.

Mount Pleasant Auxiliary ended its year with an unusually interesting meeting, when Mrs. F. G. St. Denis, the wife of the minister, was honoured by the members. Mrs. W. G. Gourlie gave an inspiring talk on ''Fighting the Good Fight'', taking stock of the past and urging the leaders to greater effort in the coming year. The secretary reported that the past year has been most successful in every way, and that the Auxiliary had exceeded its allocation. At the close of the meeting the Misses McCuaig served refreshments. The new president is Mrs. E. P. Fox.

ALBERTA

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CALGARY Presbyterial — At the October meeting of the Grace Church Auxiliary Dr. F. S. Morley, in an interesting and inspiring address on the history of missions, recommended for study by the members, and by Sunday School teachers and all workers among young people, the romantic story of Christian Missions as related in Dr. Latourette's studies, more especially in the two volumes entitled *The Great Century*. He also stated that Dr. Leiper's book *Christianity To-day* should be read by all intelligent and well informed people interested in missions and the Church. These and other books, as well as conferences such as the recent meeting at Whitby, revealed, he said, an emphasis in missionary work on the need to deepen the Christian faith and make it more real and vital. Never had the Christian missionary call been more imperative and never had Christian missions stood in higher esteem in the world mind.

The Knox Auxiliary and the Goforth Affiliated Society joined for their Thankoffering meeting on the evening of November 12th, the latter group having charge of the devotional service. For the Scripture reading the president read selections from the New Testament, and the members responded with selections from the Psalms. Miss Noreen McPherson, referring to a missionary who came home to find that the people who had sent him out had failed to hold ''the rope of prayer'', pointed out that prayer was our duty as missionaries of Christ's Gospel, and reminded the members that they should ''pray and give thanks''. The Rev. Dr. K. B. Toth of the Hungarian Presbyterian Church, Calgary, who had been in Hungary during the war and until early in 1947, gave an interesting and challenging address. He referred to Hungary's historical, geographical and cultural position in Europe, and to his war experiences, and spoke of the religious life of the country, which, all things considered, was being carried on fairly successfully. Only a few of the Presbyterian ministers in the Synod where he was stationed were imprisoned. To-day Hungarians have necessary food, but they lack clothing and fuel. He compared his people to the three friends of Daniel in the fiery furnace, who found that in the midst of their suffering there was a fourth one with them. The Spirit of God is at work still, Dr. Toth said, and he was thankful that throughout his country a great religious revival was taking place and, after years of suffering, his people were testifying to the power of the Spirit.

Edmonton Presbyterial—Miss Margaret Webster of Toronto, Girls' Work Secretary, visited Edmonton on the 7th, 8th and 9th of November. A rally for Presbyterian C.G.I.T. groups of the city, held in First Church, was well attended. After games and a singsong, Miss Webster spoke to the girls, telling them of other girls' groups across the Dominion that she had visited. The Presbyterial Girls' Organizations Secretary, Mrs. Paterson, spoke briefly. On Saturday a luncheon meeting for leaders was held, that they might meet and talk over the work with Miss Webster. It was indeed a profitable time and both leaders and girls benefited from Miss Webster's encouragement and interest.

First Church Auxiliary's November meeting was *Glad Tidings* day. Mrs. H.

E. Walker spoke of the many interesting and informative articles in the magazine and urged every member to subscribe and so learn what is being done in our mission fields both at home and abroad. Miss Mary Shaw, deaconess, took the study on India, referring particularly to the Jhansi field, to which Miss Hazel Reaveley was going. Mrs. H. O. T. Burkwall spoke of the beauty of the prayers in *The Glad Tidings*, closing with a prayer made up of parts of several of these. Miss Reaveley was present at the meeting and a cup of tea was served at the close to enable friends to wish her Godspeed on her journey.

SASKATCHEWAN

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PRINCE Albert Presbyterial — On November 7th Mrs. Downing, Presbyterial President, and Mrs. MacKay, Corresponding Secretary, visited Weirdale, one of the most northerly Women's Missionary Society points in Saskatchewan. A joint meeting of Weirdale, Meath Park, and Shipman groups was held in the Weirdale Hospital. Mrs. Downing took as her subject, "A Weaver of Purple Linen", and in her address spoke of the important part women play in the missionary work at home and abroad. Mrs. MacKay expressed sympathy, on behalf of the Presbyterial, at the loss sustained in Weirdale in the recent fire and thanked the members for their gracious hospitality.

Mrs. Downing visited St. Andrew's Auxiliary, Tisdale, on December 10th. In her address she said: "At the threshold of another year we should think of our motto 'The World for Christ', and, looking at the changing world of to-day, recognize the needs of that world in which we as a society have pledged ourselves to help spread the Gospel. . . . In our own small sphere we may live as missionary women in the truest sense—understanding, helpful and, above all, loving. Love such as Jesus taught us is the power which can win the 'world for Christ'."

Saskatoon Presbyterial—The annual meeting of St. Andrew's Auxiliary, Wilkie, was held on December 4th. The Rev. G. A. Lowe conducted the devotional service. Taking as his theme the word "King", he spoke of the circumstances surrounding the Nativity, following through to the prophecy of Christ's return as King of Kings. Slides on the Church's missionary work in Formosa were shown and recordings of interviews with the Rev. and Mrs. James Dickson, missionaries to Formosa for twenty years, added to the interest of an inspiring meeting.

At the December meeting of St. Andrew's Auxiliary, Saskatoon, Mrs. E. S. Mackay discussed the subject "The Church Takes Root in India". Mrs. R. W. Downey was elected president for 1948.

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BRANDON Presbyterial—Miss Margaret Webster of Toronto, Girls' Work Secretary, and Miss Ruby Walker, regional worker, addressed the Presbyterian young people at a meeting held in St. Andrew's Church, Brandon, on November 28th, appealing for more workers to meet the needs of the Church. Miss Jean Crawford presided at the meeting and Lloyd Thomas led in prayer. St. Andrew's C.G.I.T. group sang.

A service of worship and reconsecration which has greatly advanced the cause of the Church was held in Knox Presbyterian Church, The Pas, on the evening of October 20, 1947. The congregation, the women's groups and the young people would like to offer sincere thanks to Miss Margaret Webster, Girls' Work Secretary, and Miss Ruby Walker, Women's Missionary Society regional worker, who drove almost 500 miles to be there that evening. ''The messages they brought us, and the memory of the fellowship we had with them will remain long with us. We are very grateful to the Boards of the Church that made their visit possible and we hope that the good results gained from it will be an inducement to provide for another such visit in the near future.''

HAMILTON AND LONDON

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CHATHAM—Mrs. D. McLaren gave a splendid talk on ''Stewardship'' to the Duart Auxiliary. If we each do our best as stewards, there would be no need of ''affairs'' to raise money, she said. A thoughtful message on ''the field of the Women's Missionary Society and we, the workers'' was delivered by Mrs. H. Ingold to St. Andrew's Auxiliary, Windsor. Mrs. James Prince was in charge of a Remembrance Day programme for the Ellen Douglas Auxiliary, Windsor; at the Isabel McConnell Auxiliary, Leamington, Mrs. N. McKenzie and Mrs. Vera Bagley had charge of the Remembrance service; this Auxiliary marked their birthday with a pot-luck supper.

Mrs. Eldon Dales, president of the Ellen Douglas Auxiliary, in a Christmas talk stressed the importance of keeping the Christmas spirit every day of the year, ''not only in our homes, but also in our daily work''.

Hamilton—The Mission Band Secretary, Mrs. Duvall, held a Leaders' Conference in St. Paul's Church, Hamilton, on November 12th. To Knox Church Auxiliary, Dunnville, Judge Helen Kinnear spoke on ''The Place of Christianity in the World to-day''. ''Sometimes we may feel that we cannot make our influence felt very far,'' she said, ''but the world is our field, and we are working through the missionaries by the money we contribute and through our prayers and our interest in missions at home and abroad; also, we are influencing others unconsciously every day.''

Huron—Mrs. Gordon Bisset, Presbyterial president, visited Auxiliaries in Blyth, Clinton, Exeter, Hensall, Seaforth and Auburn, for Thank-offering meetings. Miss M. Williamson was the guest speaker at the Mission Band Rally, held in Exeter. Knox Auxiliary, Belgrave, celebrated their 60th anniversary in November; the Brussels Auxiliary members were their guests. The Auxiliary history was given by Mrs. O. G. Anderson. Mrs. D. J. Lane of Clinton, the guest speaker, spoke on ''Opportunities and Responsibilities of Women in the Women's Missionary Society'', picturing the great need of the Gospel among the peoples of different countries. ''World peace cannot be achieved without the spirit of the Gospel of Peace in the hearts of men,'' she said. ''This must be our objective.'' Four of the six living charter members were present—Mrs. W. J. Geddes, Mrs. Wm. Geddes, Mrs. J.

E. Scott and Mrs. J. McGuire—and all took part in the lighting of the candles. Plans for this anniversary were made when the Belgrave and Brussels Auxiliaries were guests of the Rev. and Mrs. G. A. Milne of Brussels.

At their Thank-offering meeting the Rev. George Milne spoke to the Auburn Auxiliary of his work in British Guiana, and pictures of our mission work there were shown.

Caven Auxiliary, Exeter, mourns the passing of Miss Laura M. Jeckell. A life-long worker for the missionary cause, she was for three years the president of Huron Presbyterial. In recognition of her devotion she was made an Honorary Member by the Presbyterial in 1946.

London—The Evening Auxiliary of St. John's, Port Stanley, celebrated their 20th anniversary, with Miss Helen Scott giving the highlights of a Travelling Secretary's visit to Indian Schools, the Children's Centre, and outlying churches. In closing, Miss Scott urged all to put their faith in God. Mrs. W. C. Wheaton told of the teen-age Sunday School class, which organized, and later became affiliated with the Women's Missionary Society. Two charter members were present, Mrs. R. Watt and Mrs. W. Foster, who are still active members. The Rev. K. C. and Mrs. McLennan were present to convey their greetings to this splendid group.

Paris—The members of the Sunshine Mission Band of Innerkip were addressed by Mrs. Showers of Woodstock. At the supper the table decorations called to mind four of our mission fields, the waiters wore costumes of people of these fields, and later gave short sketches of each of the fields. The girls conducted the meeting themselves. Their special guests were the leaders and Mission Band members of Innerkip United Church.

TORONTO AND KINGSTON

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BARRIE—Miss Helen Scott was the guest speaker at the annual meeting of the Bella Goodfellow Guild of St. Paul's Church, Thornbury. The Mission Band of St. Paul's, under the able leadership of Mrs. James Patton, reports increased attendance and interest during the past year. Parents and others interested were invited to their annual meeting, to enjoy a fine programme—devotions, music, and an instructive address on India given by Mrs. J. Johnston.

Kingston—The annual Thank-offering service of the Burnbrae Auxiliary was held in the church hall on November 21st. A play, *We Just Didn't Know,* including an Oriental pageant was presented by members of the Young People's group and the Auxiliary. This instructive play, which was especially suitable for a missionary programme, was written and directed by Mrs. W. D. Turner. Altogether, with the singing of the choir between acts, behind the scenes, and special missionary numbers by the male trio and soloist, it was a very impressive service. There was a large attendance and the offering brought the year's givings well over the allocation.

Lindsay—The Gamebridge Auxiliary suffered irreparable loss in the sudden death of Miss Jessie McBain on November 22nd. Miss McBain had spent her entire life at Gamebridge. Her loyalty and liberality to the church and its organizations were very notable. A life member of the Women's Missionary Society, it had been her practice to bestow life memberships on others.

Toronto—The Auxiliary of Victoria Church, Toronto, celebrated its Diamond Jubilee by a silver tea. Mrs. George Ryrie welcomed the guests, and Mrs. E. Garner led in the devotions. In the ceremony of lighting the candles, Mrs. Irwin began, lighting the large centre candle, which represented ''Christ, the Light of the World''. From this, tapers were lit and placed at either side of it by the following ladies, each one in turn explaining the place her society filled in the Women's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church in Canada—Mrs. J. G. Inkster for the Council, Mrs. W. M. Hall for the Synodical, Mrs. A. S. Curr for the Presbyterial, Mrs. John Rae for the missionary family of which the Auxiliary was the parent, the Mary McKerroll Auxiliary, the Mission Band, the C.G.I.T., and the Home Helpers. As Mrs. G. L. Wallace reviewed the past 60 years, a small candle was lit and placed with the others to mark each decade; Mrs. John Brown, Mrs. G. Wanless, Mrs. W. Mitchell, Mrs. W. J. Gilchrist, Mrs. J. Campbell, Mrs. P. Chalmers lighting these candles, and Mrs. G. Young lighting a tiny candle for the ''Church of the Future''. Mrs. C. J. MacKay paid a beautiful tribute to those who had passed on. Mrs. D. T. L. McKerroll gave an address. Rev. C. J. MacKay brought greetings from Presbytery and the Kirk Session. Mrs. W. A. Bothwell described the different members of the family of the missionary organization and a candle was lit by a representative of each of these organizations. An Honorary Life Membership was presented to Mrs. J. C. McHenry, who has been a faithful worker for 45 years. Past presidents present were Mrs. George Pidgeon and Mrs. H. Worsell.

MONTREAL AND OTTAWA

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LANARK and Renfrew—A new Auxiliary was organized at White Lake in this Presbyterial by Mrs. L. Lindsay and Mrs. T. W. Towne of Renfrew. Six members joined, with the promise of three more, which is most encouraging. Mrs. George McLachlin, president; Mrs. Thomas Marshall, vice-president; Mrs. Wallace Johnston, treasurer; Mrs. Boyd Campbell, secretary, all of White Lake.

Ottawa—Because of the generous offering at the Presbyterial's Diamond Jubilee meeting in October, ten parcels of food have been sent to needy families in England and Scotland. More will be sent shortly.

Mrs. J. Logan-Vencta, Presbyterial President, who was the special speaker at the annual meeting of the D. M. Gordon Auxiliary of St. Andrew's, Ottawa, took as her subject ''The Unfinished Sentence'', basing her stimulating remarks on an observation overheard by chance in a crowd—''If I had my life to live over again, I would choose . . .''; the rest had been lost in the noise of the traffic. ''What shall we choose in 1948?'' she asked. To our friends we say ''A Happy New Year''. But happiness is a by-product and includes thankfulness, contentment, peace, health, love, service — even something higher, ''a faith that will not shrink, though pressed by many a foe''. There were many stars, but the Magi followed one, and it led them to Christ. What star did we follow in 1947? ''Though Christ a thousand times in Bethlehem be born, if He's not born in thee, thy soul is all forlorn.'' ''If we would live closer to Him in 1948—if we choose to live closer to Him—let us plan to take an extra five minutes each day in humble communion with God.'' Mrs. J. Collingwood was elected president, succeeding Mrs. A. G. Cameron, who had given fine leadership for some years. The allocation was met in full.

At an enthusiastic meeting in St. Giles' Church, Ottawa, Mrs. N. Allan was re-elected president of the Auxiliary. Mrs. R. Fulford was signally honoured. Mrs. J. Logan-Vencta was the special speaker. The allocation was fully met. Mrs. S. Walter Sherwood was re-elected president of Knox Auxiliary at their annual meeting. Mrs. Hugh Renwick and Mrs. A. W. Grant conducted the devotions, and Mrs. J. R. Hill spoke on the work in Formosa, referring especially to that remarkable Biblewoman, the late Mrs. Chi-oang. Mrs. Parlane Christie presided during the election and installed the officers. The allocation had been exceeded by a substantial amount.

Montreal—On November 13th a supper meeting was held, to which young women were invited from churches without young women's groups. Miss Margaret Kennedy's inspiring address on God's greatest gift to men will not soon be forgotten. To those who accept this gift of life, made available through Jesus Christ, will come the desire for service, she said. Miss Helen Scott explained the meaning of a ''composite'' Auxiliary.

Many members and friends from Athelstan, Beauharnois, Huntingdon, Ormstown, Rockburn and Georgetown were present at the 19th annual sectional meeting held in the Elgin Presbyterian Church. Mrs. James Stewart presided. The Rev. J. S. McBride gave an address, basing his remarks on the text, ''As cold waters to a thirsty soul, so is good news from a far country''. In concluding, he said, ''Let us pledge ourselves to share our Christ with all men!''

References for quiz on page 81

1. I Timothy 1:2; II Timothy 1:5, 3:15; Acts 16:13.
2. Acts 12:11-17.
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Let us live our lives the beautiful way,
The way of the Prince of Peace.
Let us give of our best each passing day
Until this life shall cease.
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For strength from the loving Father above
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Scattered and stunned the chosen few.
Within the sealed tomb there lay
Their dearest Lord.

Short days ago, they watched Him ride
In lowly majesty and grace,
While multitudes around Him cried,
"Blessed The King!"

Could they forget His awful cry,
His, whom the wind and sea obeyed?
Could they but reason—answer why—
He chose the cross.

Wondrous the message the angels bring—
Empty the cross—empty the tomb;
Death cannot hold our heavenly King—
Christ rose to-day.

Glorious the dawn that Easter Day;
Broken the chains of sin and death.
Angels had rolled the stone away.
Christ had come forth.

So let us then each new born day
Loudly, with perfect faith, proclaim
Christ is our Hope, our Truth, our Way;
Christ is our Life.

—T. B. GLEAVE.

EDITORIAL

As we were going to press, we received the sad news of the death of Mrs. W. M. Hall of Toronto. After about three months' illness she died on February 6th in the Toronto General Hospital. For many years active in the work of the Women's Missionary Society, Mrs. Hall, after five years' service as president of the Toronto Presbyterial Society, was for a time a member of the Council Executive, but resigned in order to devote herself to the work of the Ontario Provincial Society, of which she became first vice-president. A year ago she was elected president of the new Synodical Society of Toronto and Kingston; this meant that she was again a member of the Council Executive.

To her husband and their son and daughter and to the Synodical Society of which she was president, we offer our sincere sympathy.

Miss Marjorie MacKay, who has been serving as deaconess at large under the Presbytery of Victoria since September 1946, left Port Alberni at the end of the year, to do some work in connection with Hollywood Sunday School and Erskine Church in the city of Victoria. Later she was to spend some time in Nanaimo.

The Canadian Committee on Church Relief Abroad reports that people throughout the country are responding well to the appeal for help for those in need in other countries. (See January *Glad Tidings,* page 4). Large quantities of clothing were coming in during January to the Central Depot in Toronto and by the first week of February two tons of clothing had been sent to Britain and two more were almost ready to go.

Every day groups from the different Toronto churches go to the depot to unpack and sort over the clothing that comes in, and in the evenings groups of young people and laymen go to pack the bales and prepare them for shipping.

Clothing, used and new, should be sent to the Central Depot, 250 Ossington Avenue, Toronto 3.

From an air letter written by Miss Ruth Buchanan of Amkhut (January 11):

''A telegram from Nagpur this week brought the sad news that Dr. Martin died in Scotland on January 5th. I went to Bombay in November to see her off and she looked well. . . . But she had had a bad heart attack in Nagpur. Her spirit was very brave and young, but her body had been too hard used. . . . She gave and gave herself, gladdest when she was busiest, right to the end.''

Early in February last year Dr. Martin had come to Amkhut to work with Miss Buchanan among the Bhils of the villages in that area, but she was unable to continue long there and she returned to Nagpur, where she had been in charge of the Mure Memorial Hospital (Church of Scotland).

In the same letter, referring to Miss Rollo's work among the village people, Miss Buchanan writes:

''Did you know Dr. O'Hara of Dhar? She was very much loved in Central India, by the greatest (British and Rajas alike) and the lowest in the land. The other day old Jabli Bai said to me, 'The new Miss Saheb has our Dhar Mother's hand; like *this* she put her finger round the sore—just the way Doctor O'Hara Miss Saheb used to do.' ''

Dr. Margaret O'Hara served for thirty-six years as a medical missionary in Central India under our Church, and almost all of those years she spent in Dhar, beginning work in that State in 1895, the first missionary to serve there.

The Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada wishes to call attention to the Daily Prayer Card that was issued after the war, to take the place of the one that was so widely used throughout Canada during the war years. The postwar Prayer card is also being used by many organizations, but the Council feels that it might be used much more than it is at present.

Cards may be obtained on application to: Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada, c/o Mrs. F. J. Veale, City Hall, Hamilton, Ontario. There is no charge for the cards, ''but it is appreciated when a contribution helps to meet the expense''.

Eleven Presbyterials are already ahead of last year in the number of subscribers to *The Glad Tidings*. But many more subscribers are needed, even to overtake last year's decline—and a great many more, if at least every active and Home Helper member of a Senior, Evening or Young Women's group is to have the information sent out by the Society in its official magazine.

Are members equipped to do their share of the work intelligently without that information?

Financial Statement for 1947

THE Auditors' Statement was read and accepted by the Council Executive on February 10th, 1948. This statement will appear in full in the Annual Report, but it is summarized below.

Receipts

Synodical Givings:		
Alberta	$4,641.41	
British Columbia	6,000.00	
Manitoba	4,440.00	
Montreal and Ottawa	29,790.00	
Hamilton and London	53,088.75	
Toronto and Kingston	61,861.27	
Saskatchewan	3,533.90	
		$163,355.33
Individual Subscriptions		3,178.58
Refunds		487.09
Ontario Balance from 1946		380.82
		$167,401.82
Disbursements from these amounts		158,939.60
Excess receipts over disbursements		$ 8,462.22

The allocation to the Synodical Societies for 1947 was $154,000 and we have received $163,355.33 or $9,355.33 more than allotted and $5,813.87 more than in 1946.

In 1946 the Provincial Societies of Ontario and Quebec gave $139,452.43, while in 1947 the Synodical Societies representing those two Provincials gave $144,740.02, a gratifying increase of $5,287.59. The other Synodicals have all increased their contributions except British Columbia, which was only $25 below last year, and met the allocation.

In addition to the disbursements of $158,939.60, the sum of $6,115.25 was appropriated from the General Fund balance on hand at the end of 1946, as follows: $200 for Christian literature for Barwani, India; $262.50 for stenographic service for Miss Webster; $2,191.75, which had been borrowed for Birtle Indian School, was returned to the Special Fund; $3,300, which had been borrowed from the Overseas Fund, for Rehabilitation of Churches in Europe, was returned; $100 was given for Rev. Malcolm Ransom's expenses to the General Assembly in Shanghai as our representative, and $61 for Dr. Martin's work in India. No appropriation is to be made from this year's balance. Besides this, there was expended from the Legacy Fund $17,559.39, and from the Overseas Fund $13,677.44, details of which will be seen in the Annual Report.

The total receipts from all sources, without the Peace Thanksgiving and Pension Funds, amounted to $254,561.68 and total disbursements to $253,134.72.

For the Supply Fund the Synodical Societies gave $6,709.08. There was a balance from 1946 of $3,015.59. The disbursements were $6,732.26, leaving a balance at the end of 1947 of $2,992.41.

Government Grants for the two Indian Residential Schools were $50,277.99, and $54,353.12 was disbursed, showing the need of an increase in the per capita grant. In addition, amounts for equipment were taken from the Legacy Fund.

In the Trust and Rest Funds we have at the end of 1947 in cash and bonds $206,786.96 and loans $8,467.91. From the Legacy and Overseas Funds $31,236.83 was spent in 1947.

During the year $221.64 was received from Auxiliaries and friends for the Peace Thanksgiving Fund and by order of the Council the interest from the Sustaining Fund, $859.68, was added. The fund now stands at $39,439.54. We commend this fund to the Society for special gifts or legacies. The interest fund stood at $1,744.05. Of this, $1,434.94 was disbursed and the year 1948 begins with $309.11 interest.

The cost of administration has risen substantially and gives your Executive cause for concern. The cost of travel, at home and overseas, and of upkeep of all work has risen and is rising. The cost of re-opening work in Formosa was met largely by special gifts and through legacies, that is, for buildings, furnishing and equipment.

Our grants went to Orphaned Missions, the Canadian School of Missions, the Missionary and Deaconess Training School, the All-India Christian Medical College, Landour Hospital, the Foreign Missions Conference, Whitby Conference, the National Christian Council, India, and to Christian Literature in China, India, Africa, South America, British Guiana and Canada. To Christian Literature the Society gave $4,269.64. Some of this was from special gifts earmarked for this purpose.

We have reason to be pleased with this statement, but let us not be satisfied. It is but an earnest of what needs to be done. Very earnestly I would ask that all allocations be revised, especially from Presbyterials to Auxiliaries. This is really a necessity; one has only to look at receipts and allocations to see this. If a branch raises more than its allocation without difficulty, the tendency is to want to give the balance to other objects, as evidently the Women's Missionary Society does not require it. We will need all that can be raised in 1948; the price of food and the low salaries of native workers and the increased cost of living in Canada are going to speak loudly to us.

Do study your estimates for 1948 in connection with this statement and the leaflet, "Shall we Advance?"

Above all, let us remind ourselves that our help is in the name of the Lord.

(Mrs. Daniel) Helen M. Strachan.

Correction—$288.75 of the amount credited to Hamilton and London General Fund should have been credited to Hamilton and London Supply Fund.

From Miss Reaveley's first letter from Jhansi (January 23):

— It is three weeks to-day since I arrived in Jhansi and they have been pleasant weeks. . . . Besides the happy associations, one of the things I most enjoyed in the ocean voyage was going ashore at the Oriental ports. We were not permitted to get off the ship at Yokohama; no one was except people with military visas. We should not have been able to get off at Shanghai, either, if we had not had our Chinese visas. . . . I thought Hong Kong was the most beautiful harbour . . . and the city the most intriguing. There and at Shanghai we had good Chinese meals. Of course, the prices on the menus ran into thousands of Chinese dollars. It really seemed quite fantastic to see a chocolate bar on a counter labelled $10,000 and an orange $18,000. But the meal cost only the equivalent of one American dollar, and we seemed to be served a mountain of food. . . .

I began the language study on January 5th. It is most interesting and I am going to enjoy it very much. It was not possible to get a language school *pundit,* but I have two women *pundits* who seem very good. One of the teachers is also giving an hour three or four times a week to teach me to write Hindi. . . . I find it a bit irritating not to be able to understand what is being said around me, but this I intend to remedy as rapidly as possible. Already I do recognize a few words in the sermon at church.

Presbyterian Immigration

BY THE REV. H. R. PICKUP

THE Immigration Committee of the Presbyterian Church is deeply indebted to the Women's Missionary Society for the help received in the work of immigration. The financial contribution of the Eastern and Western Divisions in paying the salaries of the port workers at Halifax and Montreal is greatly appreciated. These workers are rendering a very valuable service in welcoming the immigrants on their arrival at the ports and giving them advice and guidance. The port of Montreal is closed for the winter months but the immigrants arriving at Montreal by train speak highly of the reception given them by our representatives at Halifax.

A committee has been appointed by the Presbytery of Montreal to meet the boat trains at Montreal, which is a distributing centre for immigrants proceeding to Ontario, Western Canada, and even to some extent to the Maritimes, and on that committee the Women's Missionary Society is well represented. The newcomers are greeted and given information with regard to baggage, trains, etc., and provision is made for those who find it necessary to remain in Montreal overnight.

The names and addresses of Presbyterians are sent to the Welcome and Welfare Department of the Women's Missionary Society at the final destination and in due course the newcomers are visited and welcomed to the community and the Church. Unfortunately, errors sometimes appear on the ship's Manifest and in some instances immigrants have been registered as Presbyterians when they belong to other denominations. Nevertheless, the returns coming in indicate that they appreciate the visits as much as our own people. As one woman expressed it, "I am not a Presbyterian, but it is good to know that your Church is so deeply interested in our welfare, and I am glad you called."

This welcome work involves a great deal of time and energy but it is worth while. For the Church it is as bread cast on the waters which will return after many days. Meanwhile we are helping to make people happy, and contentment is one of the basic requirements of good citizenship.

There is another way, however, in which the women of our Church can assist in the work of immigration. It is proposed to bring a number of Presbyterian immigrants from Great Britain and accept responsibility for their placement. With this in view the committee has requested all congregations within our Church to indicate how many they can take care of. Some applications have already been received for girls who are willing to engage in household work and other forms of employment. In all probability a representative of the committee will go to the United Kingdom in April to secure suitable immigrants to supply these demands. If there are any others who desire household help, they should write at once to the Director, Room 315, Dominion Square Building, Montreal. While the committee cannot guarantee that they will be able to meet all requests, they will do their utmost.

Efforts are also being made to bring Ukrainian Presbyterian girls and some Hungarians, but as we shall require the approval and co-operation of the International Refugee Organization as well as the Departments of Immigration and Labour we have not yet been able to complete arrangements.

These immigration activities are beginning in a small way but it is hoped that they will continue through the years, offering to many opportunities denied them in their home land and bringing added strength to our beloved Church.

The Two Gardens

Here the disciples slept
While in the olive trees the breeze in sorrow sighed;
And here the Master kept
His solemn tryst with God ere, crucified, He died.
Closed are the eyes of flowers
But from afar the stars look down in shivering grief
While God His Son empowers
To drink the bitter Cup, for all mankind's relief.

Here the Redeemer slept
In arms of dreamless death, till breath of Holy Ghost
Drew nigh; while women wept
And sleep-forsaken, sad apostles tossed, all lost.
Now Mary Magdalene
Outstrips the dawn, her love's last offering to bring.
She thinks herself unseen.
But He Whom she saw dead sees all, her Risen King.

—A. Donald Miller (*Life and Work*, April 1945).

An Appreciation of the Study Book

By Miss Jean McPhail

As a member of the Women's Missionary Society I wish to give a word of thanks and of praise to the women who drafted the course of study for 1948. We are apt to accept the study book rather casually, without realizing the long hours of patient work and prayerful consideration that go into the preparation of it.

Is there even a danger that our share in our own missionary meetings may become too casual? We follow a somewhat fixed routine—we sing hymns, hear the Scripture lesson for the day and the prayers offered by some other members, we listen to an address on the "topic"; we may, on occasion, take part in the discussion of business matters; but are our hearts often "stirred within us" as was Paul's heart when he saw the city of Athens wholly given over to idolatry, or when he exclaimed, "Woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel!"?

We all need to be reminded of our "Great Commission", with its insistent "Go ye", which means so much more than "Go to the missionary meeting." The introductory chapter of the study book sets forth clearly the fact that the enriching of our own spiritual life and missionary zeal go hand in hand.

"Ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you"—the awakening of spiritual life must first come, we must accept the Christ way as our way of life. Then, from the "all power" that is given to Jesus Christ we receive sufficient for our needs. After that we are sent as witnesses: in Jerusalem (right here at home); in Judaea (our own Canada); in Samaria (where live people whom we do not like); and unto the uttermost parts of the earth (which includes every living being). As we try to tell the Gospel story to others, we see the meaning of the term *abundant*, as applied to our own lives.

Thanks again to the committee for the inspiration given to at least one member of the Women's Missionary Society.

Synodical Annual Meetings

Toronto and Kingston—April 27, 28, 29, in Collingwood.

Hamilton and London—May 10, 11, 12, at Chatham.

Montreal and Ottawa—April 19th and 20th, in Montreal.

British Columbia—April 27, 28, and 29, in Fairview Church, Vancouver.

At Tamsui

Miss Dorothy Douglas gives news of the schools in Tamsui and of living conditions in North Formosa in the autumn.

. . . We are very busy this term for we have more pupils in the school and more classes. . . . There are 280 pupils, and that presents a real challenge as well as an opportunity. I have the morning prayers once a week and the evening service twice a week. There are more girls in the dormitory, too, than there were before, and that gives us a better opportunity. . . . I have a very interesting English Bible Class on Sunday afternoon, which is well attended for Tamsui.

The music department in our schools is getting under way. We were fortunate in getting two pianos quite reasonably and one was donated, which makes seven altogether. . . . We hope that we will be able to begin Household Science and Kindergarten training next year.

Miss D. Douglas

Money is the chief topic of conversation wherever one goes, for there is no doubt that this winter many people will starve to death and many will die of illnesses brought on by insufficient clothing. . . . Prices are soaring again and people are afraid. Butter and milk are the things we find it most difficult to go without; butter is over two dollars a pound, even at the highest rate of exchange, and milk is correspondingly high. We don't eat butter. For a while the bread was very bad, but it has improved a little and we got some better flour. We haven't had any potatoes for many weeks, but on the whole we are not badly off. The people who depend entirely on the Formosan dollar, working for a daily wage, are very badly off, for they rarely get enough to eat and never even see meat. On the other hand, there is a great deal of money in some quarters, mostly among the merchants. . . . Needless to say, it is difficult for some people, especially the preachers, to give their children an education, so we are hoping to begin a loan fund to help these girls. We did that before, and it was very successful. . . .

The other day I was talking to a girl who was in the school years ago when I was principal. She comes from a non-Christian family in Tamsui, but she became a Christian while she was here at school. She trained as a kindergarten teacher in Japan, then during our absence she married the son of a Christian doctor on the East Coast. During all the anxiety and suffering of later times, the thing she was most thankful for, she said, was that she had come to the school in Tamsui and heard the Gospel. At that time (when her husband was in prison) she ''had nothing at all to depend on but God'', and she ''realized as never before how wonderful He is''. When the pastor was away she took the services in the church, and she is very anxious for more Bible study. She and her husband intend to move to Tamsui and then she will help us in the school, when we begin our kindergarten training class.

[Referring to the little village ''tucked away in a little nook on the side of the mountain'' that she and Miss Hermanson visited, of which Miss Hermanson wrote earlier (See December *Glad Tidings*, page 463).] The World Health Association has donated bed nets and medicine and we are going to try an experiment to eradicate malaria from that village. It will be interesting to see how successful we are. At any rate, the way is open for the preaching of the Gospel in that whole neighbourhood.

Girls' School, Tamsui, Formosa.

Christmas at Kienshui Hospital

From Kienshui, Yunnan, Mrs. Gehman writes (January 25):

. . . We had a lovely Christmas here this year, I think the loveliest I have spent in Kienshui. Christmas week was very cold and our rooms are not built for warmth. Every evening that week the hospital personnel, servants and staff, gathered round a small charcoal stove in my living-room to make Christmas decorations; needless to say, we had a lot of fun while making them. This common interest in Christmas festivities helped to draw us to one another. In the end we were so busy we hardly had time to put up the decorations.

We had our Christmas concert on Christmas Eve and used our electric lights, to the amazement of not a few who had never before seen them. Our assembly hall was crowded with people from our church and the general public. Our Sunday School children did very well indeed in ''The Birth of Our Saviour''. The Young People's group presented a Christmas play about a poor beggar woman who fell down exhausted on Christmas Eve near a church where a service was going on, and there for the first time she heard that the Son of God had come down to earth to dwell among men and redeem such as she, and joy came into her life. It was a wonderful opportunity to tell those who had never before heard His name of His love for them. Carols were sung at intervals through the evening. To look back on our first Christmas here, when only the missionaries and pastors knew these hymns, and now to hear our young people sing them is joy, indeed.

On Christmas morning we had our service in the wards; then came the giving of gifts to the patients and to one another. All hospital workers and church members were given lovely calendars, with Luke 4: 18 inscribed above a picture of the Boy Jesus. Later in the morning we went to church and had the joy of seeing one of our student nurses baptized and learning that two others think they want to be baptized at Easter. In the afternoon we had our church supper. All the members sat in circles on pine-needles strewn on the floor and waiters placed bowls of delicious food in the centre of each circle. It was fun, and a day to be remembered.

Just before Christmas Dr. Hsu returned to Kaiyuan and Dr. C. H. Chang came from Cheeloo University hospital to take his place. He is a good surgeon and is keeping us busy in the operating-room. He and his wife are delightful people, musical and artistic, and we are indeed fortunate to get them. They are close friends of Dr. Tsui of the General Assembly. They are also interested in our evangelistic work and are contributing their gifts to it.

Dr. Helen Mackenzie is expected back [from the College of Chinese Studies at Peiping] the middle of February, and probably Miss Mackenzie (nurse). The others will come by Hong Kong and arrive about a month later. The Ransoms expect to move down [from Kunming] next week. . . . They are to live here a few days until their house is ready. The Changs are living on this floor, too. Quite a change after the emptiness of last year!

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Hsin Chao Wu is our faithful ward servant. He first came to us the day before we opened our clinic for the first time—a beggar boy, dirty and ragged, begging us to treat his sores. We told him to come back the next day and we would give him free treatment. He had ulcers on his legs and scabies all over his body. At first he came regularly, then only when he was utterly miserable. His relatives were not interested in him, and he had to make his own way as best he could. Finally, we decided to admit him to the hospital, he promising to work for us after discharge. With proper diet, his ulcers soon healed and the scabies responded to treatment. He was grateful and worked well for a time. Then he left us to go to work in the KuoChou tin mines, the high wages promised looking good to him. A few weeks later he returned, without his bedding, and begged us to take him back again. This we did after a time. Now he takes an interest in his work and in keeping the hospital clean. He likes to sing and goes about his work singing hymns; at first, it was always ''Jesus Loves me'', but now he has a few other favourites that he has learned in our prayer services. The hospital is home to him now and he never misses a prayer service if he can help it. Money will never again coax him to the mines. The son of the owner of the mine in which he worked has been a patient here for some time. And next to him is the son of another tin mine owner. It is good to have Gospel stories in picture to help them pass the days and to tell them of the Saviour's love for them. And it is good to see Hsin Chao Wu treating them well after his experiences in the mines.

Note. Mrs. Gehman kindly sent us a snapshot of Hsin Chao Wu, and we regret that it has not been possible to get a clear enough picture from it to use here.

Kienshui News

From Mrs. Gehman, December 1947.

— . . . Most of our Christian literature arrived last week from Shanghai. We now have enough Bibles and hymn books for the church and hospital. Pastor Teng announced in church on Sunday that they were the gift of the Canadian Women's Missionary Society. We feel very wealthy, indeed, after having to get along with incomplete hymn books and New Testaments for two years. The pastors were delighted, too, with the lovely calendars which have arrived in time to serve as gifts to members of the congregation for Christmas.

. . . Miss Wu is the nurse that you are helping support here. She was the only daughter of a wealthy family in Hengyang and was training as a nurse in the American Presbyterian hospital in that city when she had to flee from the Japanese. Her mother loved her home and could not be persuaded to leave until the Japanese were on the outskirts of the city. Then she could take nothing with her. The house was destroyed and they lost everything. Miss Wu just completed her training in Kunming before coming here. She is very anxious to be able to speak English. . . . I think a number of our students are about ready to accept Christ as their Saviour but they fear the reaction of their families. We need to pray for them.

Nurses, after playing volley ball. Dressed as when on night duty during mosquito season. Miss Wu, second from right, back row.

Last night I went to one of our many temples to see a Chinese drama presented by a very talented Chinese family. It was beautifully done, though I cannot say I liked the music. I just thought how tremendously popular they would be, were they to go to America.

The Coonradts are meeting a wonderful response in the new work they have opened up in Kaiyuan. They were able to secure a very nice chapel . . . and they are moving next month into a lovely new second-floor apartment; they have been living in two rooms in poor quarters and we were quite concerned about their health. The Lord is certainly blessing them and their work, or rather His work. They had been thirty years in Shan Teng working as itinerating missionaries, as Dr. and Mrs. Goforth used to do.

We are quite busy in the hospital just now, with some very ill patients. Last year we did not dare admit the very ill, for fear they might die in the hospital. We are getting more obstetrical cases, too, though we have to keep most of the patients a month. There is a superstition here that the mother is unclean and must remain for a month where her baby was born; she is not welcome back in any court until that period has passed. It is a very inconvenient superstition as far as the hospital is concerned, but there is not much we can do about it at present.

From "Woman's Work" (Irish Presbyterian Church), January 1948.

— In three-fourths of Manchuria the ebb and flow of Communist advance and retreat has once more left behind much suffering and destitution in its wake. Commandeered harvests—fruit of a year's toil, broken bridges and burning railway sleepers, fear and pillage have left behind many stricken homes and desolate hearts.

Moukden, swollen to overflowing by its influx of refugees seeking safety, has been protected by strong military forces from the worst rigours of guerilla warfare, but is harassed by a paralysing scourge of inflation and soaring prices, with which no advance in salary can keep pace. To the farmer, merchant, or craftsman, the bartering of goods may bring some alleviation, but the strain on the wage-earning populace must be great indeed, and is shared by all the agents of the Church, be they pastors, evangelists, teachers, doctors, or nurses. . . .

In the midst of these depressing conditions it is wonderful to hear of strong, pulsating life within the Church.

A conference of evangelists, with sixty delegates from nearby areas where travel was possible, was held in Moukden in August.

In Spite of Unrest and Inflation the Work Goes On

Writing to Mrs. Strachan, (January 19), Miss Margaret H. Brown, of the Christian Literature Society for China, tells how recent gifts were being used.

WE do thank you so much for this gift of money. I note that you said $100 is a legacy for Christian literature and two special gifts of $50 for my work. Right away we decided at our Staff Committee that we would send two children's books to press, so you see your money has come in at the right moment. Strangely enough, just as I began this letter, there was brought to me a letter which contained an appeal from some children in a school in Szechuan. They stated that they value *Happy Childhood* very much and as they come from poor farmer-homes they could afford to pay the old price of $10,000 (Chinese National Currency) but felt they could not afford the new price, which is CNC $30,000. I may say that even our new price is extremely low and we stand to lose heavily on it because the subscriptions are for a year and money depreciates more rapidly all the time, while prices continue to rise. However, I cannot bear to think of children in these far-off places eager to read *Happy Childhood* but denied it because they cannot afford the very small sum required. I feel it more deeply because they have sent what they could. Now the arrival of your money will enable us to let them continue their subscriptions at the old price, while we make up the loss from the gifts of friends. I only hope the donors can feel something of the joy it is to be a partner in this good work.

We are continuing to receive fine testimonials for all our magazines. Last week we received a letter from Tientsin in which a father said his son loved *Happy Childhood* so much that he was not only renewing his subscription but making a contribution of NC $70,000 as well, because he felt that it had a very good influence in shaping the boys' character. At a time when the whole country is seething with political unrest, it is good to know that *Happy Childhood* is stretching out to the far corners of the country to influence the children who will be the citizens of to-morrow.

We are also greatly encouraged over the increase in sales of *The Woman's Messenger.* Our subscribers now number more than 3,000 and the list grows daily. This is a record for this magazine for the years since I joined the Christian Literature Society. You will be interested to know that I have at last been able to publish the *Woman's Star,* the magazine which I started in 1932 for the newly literate women. My heavy administrative duties since my return to Shanghai, together with the difficulty of securing a suitable editor to replace Miss Hung, who died during the Japanese occupation, made it impossible for me to start it before now. The first issue is just off the press. We hope to make it known and to build up a good circulation. We have changed the name to *People's Star* in the hope that it may be widely used by both parents in the home.

Once more may I thank you for your continued interest in our Society and my work in it. The doors of opportunity are still wide open but there are ominous signs that they will be closed unless something more is done to help China.

With best wishes to all friends in your Society.

American Church Aid to Europe in 1947

The need for Church aid to Europe continues, both on the material side and on the spiritual, but especially on the spiritual.

Material aid means clothing, shoes, food, medicaments, etc., given by the Churches to Reconstruction Committees in various countries for distribution to the needy of all classes and creeds, but particularly to the poorest members of the Protestant Churches. Spiritual aid means contributions to those plans and projects and purposes of the Churches, validated by the National Reconstruction Committees, approved and explained by the Department of Reconstruction and Inter-Church Aid in Geneva, and transmitted to giving countries with a view to the reviving of European Church life. It would be possible to provide all the material aid required and yet, if the spiritual aid were deficient, the Churches would not be sufficiently supported in the tasks which confront them.

At present in the United States there is a very marked increase in material aid, the costs of processing which result in a very considerable decrease in the amount of money available for spiritual aid. This is a quite serious situation. . . .

Dr. Warnshuis reports: Church World Service relief for war victims in Europe and Asia in 1947, including cash donations, totalled $14,500,000, an increase of $1,000,000 over 1946. Aid went to 43 countries, distributed under supervision of the Reconstruction Department of the World Council of Churches in Europe and national Church committees in Asia.

—*Ecumenical Press Service,* Geneva.

At the Indian Schools

YOUNG and old enjoyed the Christmas entertainment at the *Mistawasis Mission.* There was a good attendance and every one had a good time, writes the Rev. W. W. Moore. The toys sent through the Supply Department of our Society, some of them coming from Mission Bands, were ''exceptionally fine and plentiful'', and candies in their ''Christmas bags'' brought happy smiles to the faces of the children—after the scarcity of the war years. The quilts that were distributed at this time ''gave many of the older people not only a warm glow of pleasure but also the prospect of warmth during the winter''. The children took charge of the programme, an interesting one of singing, dialogue and recitation, and carried it through successfully. Afterwards all sat down to the Christmas dinner that Mr. Moore had provided.

On the whole, 1947 had been a good year for them at Mistawasis. It was disappointing, however, not to be able to finish work on the interior of the church, as they hoped; they had the money for it, but materials could not be obtained. The school attendance was slightly better than usual, and more than 2,550 meals were served to the children. They live too far from the school to go home at noon and a good hot meal is provided for them at the Mission, our Women's Missionary Society giving a grant of $150 for that purpose. Last year the Federal Department had the school redecorated, provided books and other supplies, and in view of the increase in food prices, contributed $60 towards the cost of the noon meal.

In the summer and autumn several of the Mistawasis pupils went on to the Birtle Residential School, and there, according to reports received, Mr. Moore says, they are upholding ''the good name which former pupils gave to our school''.

During the last week of term, when Mr. Moore was ill, one of his former pupils took his place as teacher. During the war she had served in the forces.

The past year was a very successful year at the *Birtle Residential School,* and the success achieved and the progress made Mr. Rusaw attributes to the efforts of both staff and pupils, the happy relationship existing between them and the whole-hearted way they all gave themselves to their work.

At the end of the year there were 117 boys and girls in residence. In June nine had graduated and several others, who were almost sixteen years of age, did not return for the autumn term. Seventeen children entered in September, most of them six or seven years old, ‘‘a desirable age for beginners to enter’’. (One of the difficulties in Indian school work has been that parents would not send their children early enough.) And three pupils came from another school to finish their public school work at Birtle.

It is encouraging to note the growing interest among the pupils in doing well in their class work. In September, Mr. Rusaw says, a number of parents were planning to keep their children at home for a while to help, but the boys and girls insisted on returning—‘‘they did not wish to get behind in their class work’’.

Nelson Tanner

As reported in the December *Glad Tidings* (page 465), one of the boys, Nelson Tanner, is attending the High School in Birtle this year. He is making good progress in his studies, is popular with his associates and takes an active part in sports and other school activities. His success has made other pupils interested in getting more education, and several, Mr. Rusaw says, are planning to go on to High School. Some parents, too, have expressed a desire to see their children take advantage of the opportunity of further education.

The Moderator, the Rev. C. H. MacDonald, spent two days at the school in November, and while there he conducted a communion service. During the year twenty-five boys and girls became members of the Church. Last year from the collections at the Sunday evening services all the Sunday School lesson helps and papers were paid for and $50 was given to the Church budget. The Mission Band meets on Monday evenings and the two Canadian Girls in Training groups on Tuesdays. Occasionally, there is a ‘‘hike’’, a sleigh-ride, or a wiener roast; or another group is invited to the school.

In Household Science the senior and intermediate girls are taking the four-year course sponsored by the Extension Service of the Department of Agriculture. In the first three classes the emphasis is on sewing, darning, knitting, dressmaking and designing, and in the fourth year, on cooking and canning. The girls have done some very fine work in these classes and prizes were won at the Brandon and

Portage la Prairie Exhibitions for articles entered by them. The boys, too, won several prizes at Brandon for woodwork done in the manual training classes.

The nurse gives time to instruct the senior classes, the boys taking the course in First Aid and the girls that in Home Nursing. Members of both groups received St. John's Ambulance diplomas.

Both boys and girls are taking a greater interest in music. They are very fond of singing and a number are learning to play the violin or the piano. The senior ''violin boys'' play at chapel services, at concerts, and on special occasions. Lately some of the junior boys have begun to take violin lessons. A number of the girls, who are learning to play the piano, are making good progress. As there was no music teacher, several members of the staff were teaching music, in addition to their regular work.

Thursday evening is reserved for pictures, most of the films being obtained from the Department of Education, with some from the local film library. Instructive as well as entertaining, they are often used by the teachers the next day for follow-up lessons.

The rink was enlarged this year and lights were installed, and this winter boys and girls enjoy skating after classes and in the evening. The school has good hockey teams, and the boys welcome the opportunity to play with outside teams.

In the sewing room it was a busy year. Besides the usual mending and sewing, the following were made: 15 sheets for staff bedrooms and 15 pillow-cases, 36 dish towels, 36 pillow-cases and 48 sheets for children's beds (these towels and pillow-cases from bleached flour sacks), 120 girls' aprons, 64 girls' blue uniforms, 15 pairs of girls' ski-pants (from army trousers), 24 cloth mitts (lined), and 6 graduating dresses. The household science classes, in sewing periods, made aprons, tea towels, print dresses, skirts, blouses, and knitted socks, mitts and gloves, did embroidery, and made many other useful articles.

In July, August and September the kitchen was also an extremely busy place. The garden not only kept the school supplied with many kinds of vegetables but produced enough for later months—118 quarts of green peas and a quantity of green beans were canned, and in the new root-house quantities of other vegetables were stored for winter use, including 250 bags of potatoes, 80 bags of carrots, 15 bags of beets, 14 bags of onions. Besides, 100 quarts of strawberries (from their own garden) and over 800 quarts of other fruit were canned, and many jars of pickles.

At the *Cecilia Jeffrey Residential School* at Kenora the attendance during 1947 was somewhat lower than usual, the average for the year being 132. This year there is a large class of beginners—at the end of 1947 Mrs. Highfield had 40 new children to care for. Of the pupils in the three intermediate grades the younger ones are interested in the classwork and anxious to learn, while bigger boys and girls—''late starters''—are more interested in handwork, Mr. Pitts says. Mrs. Swanton has a class in weaving for the older girls; the boys of Mr. Swanton's manual training class made the looms for them.

Here, as in the other schools, more of the senior boys and girls are beginning to feel that they would like to go on to High School, and the teachers are glad to think that the reluctance of the Indians to go on to school may perhaps be gradually overcome.

Mrs. W. L. Watson of Kenora has been conducting Red Cross and Home Nursing classes, with the assistance of Miss Carruthers, who formerly carried on this work herself in addition to her duties as school nurse. Caring for those who were ill, watching the health of all in the school, treating Indians who came to the dispensary, and visiting the reserve (twice in 1947) gave Miss Carruthers a busy year. All pupils were X-rayed, vaccinated, and inoculated against diphtheria.

Besides the weekly mending, etc., which was unusually heavy because there were fewer older girls last year, the sewing groups made: 7 dozen children's towels; 7 dozen aprons, 6 dozen of them for girls; 5 dozen girls' nightdresses; 3 dozen girls' slips; 2 dozen blouses; one dozen pairs of bloomers; 2 dozen shirts; 2 dozen tea towels; 3 ''complete rounds'' of sheets, marked and numbered; they also cut out a complete set of boys' nightshirts, and a complete set of girls' blouses, to be made this term. To Indian families on the reserves about 100 bundles of clothing and 55 bundles of baby things were given.

There are services in the chapel for the whole school on Wednesday and Friday evenings; the student minister in Kenora conducted the Friday services as long as he was there. On Sunday there are regular morning and evening services, and Sunday School. The pupils again contributed to the upkeep of a leper boy in India. Three Communion services were conducted during the year, in June at the time of the graduation exercises, in October, and at Christmas; twenty-two joined the Church in 1947 and eighteen children were baptized.

Sports have a definite place in the life of the school—and the benefits are noted in the health of the pupils and in discipline. The girls are more interested; they enjoy skating in winter, and they ''are becoming quite adept at softball and basket ball''. The school was proud of its hockey team, which won the championship for the Kenora district and then played the Winnipeg and Manitoba champions in Winnipeg.

Prayer

ETERNAL God, our Heavenly Father, who hast made all things and seest the end from the beginning, we worship Thee; we would be still and know that Thou art God. Thou hast beset us before and behind and laid Thy hand upon us and in awe and reverence we would meditate upon the thought of Thee.

We come with thanksgiving, not only for the gifts which Thou hast given us, although they are innumerable, and for all that Thou hast done for us, although our hearts cannot comprehend the greatness of Thy love for us; we thank Thee, above all, for Thyself and the great gift of Thy Son Jesus Christ. Blessed be Thy Name that Thou art over all and in all, that Thou dost bind together all peoples, and that in Thee the world may find unity, meaning and purpose. Thou art the glory of our life; without Thee the world would be aimless and our life purposeless. O God, blessed be Thy Name.

O our Father, as at this season we hold in special remembrance the resurrection of Thy Son Jesus Christ, who by His death hath overcome death and by His rising to life again hath opened to us the gate of everlasting life, grant to us all, we beseech Thee, that our hearts being filled with gladness and our lips with songs of joy we may keep the feast with high and holy worship as those who are risen in Christ and walk with newness of life.

Give to us such assurance of Christ's presence as came to Mary in the garden, such sense of sweet companionship as came to those going to Emmaus, such quiet revelation of His comprehending love as came to the disciples in the upper room at the close of Easter Day.

O God, may the hearts of all people be stirred at this time, and many now closed be opened to Thee at this Easter season. Let Thy light come to multitudes over the whole world. Make those that have been troubled serene, those that have been flippant thoughtful, those that have been wicked pure, those that have been weak strong, those that have been desperate hopeful. Save Thy people now, O Lord, until the day dawn and the shadows disappear.

O God of Easter, who dost scatter Thy flowers in the fields, shed abroad Thy love in all our hearts.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

. . . That best portion of a good man's life,
His little, nameless, unremembered acts
Of kindness and of love. —Wordsworth.

"He is Risen"—*(St. Mark 16: 6)*

By the Rev. Ross K. Cameron, M.A.

THE disciples had forsaken Jesus. The glorious cause which He had proclaimed seemed lost. Jesus had been effectively put out of the way in the ignominious death by crucifixion. But now these fugitives became increasingly conscious of a new fact. The words "He is risen" caused mingled thoughts and feelings of wonder, fear and joy. Were they true? Had Jesus broken the bonds of death to resume more powerfully His ministry for the Kingdom of God?

The disciples hurried to the empty tomb. They seemed to be inspired by new hope and faith. The idea of resurrection would not be strange to them. The apocalyptic literature of Judaism contained many references to it. Since Isaiah's time the prophets had taught the resurrection of man's spirit and the immortality of the righteous souls. The resurrection of Jesus would mean to the disciples a fulfilment of prophecy and thus the seal on Jesus' own words that He came "to fulfil the law and the prophets".

A full understanding of the significance of this tremendous event could only come with the experience of its power in their lives. What did they find later that it meant? And what have millions of Christians in their lives and work found it to mean?

It was more than a mere physical resurrection. We judge its reality by the results obviously achieved in human lives. The first disciples were sustained in this conviction despite all manner of contrary opinion and strong physical violence. The martyrs and faithful servants of Christ in succeeding ages have been inspired and strengthened in the face of violence and persecution by the conviction that Christ is alive. This has been known intuitively by the influence of the Holy Spirit. Its results have been patent in the life of the Church.

The early disciples found this to be an exceedingly vivid experience which formed them into a fellowship or brotherhood. This consciousness that Jesus was alive and with them dispelled fear, kindled hope and strengthened convictions.

This conviction also reassured the disciples concerning all that Jesus had taught them and all that He had revealed to them concerning God and man's relationship to God. This new spiritual conqueror would return in His supreme power to establish His rule in the highest realm, namely, the spiritual. The Cross now was transformed from a symbol of shame to be the symbol of goodness, beauty, love and peace.

The resurrection of Christ revealed these and many other truths to the disciples. And Christianity has been providing the way of faith and life for innumerable souls since those early days of the Church. No other religion has so keenly pierced to the very depths of life and its meaning; no other religion has risen to such lofty and glorious heights in its interpretation of the meaning of man's life and the significance of his service—''Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.''

The resurrection sealed the person of Jesus as Lord and Christ. The power of God revealed and released thus in the lives of men was obvious. There now was hope, courage, energy, pardon, peace and the constantly regenerative power of love released in the current of human life for purification and harmonization of its elements. Like all great facts of our faith we prove it in acting by faith on it as an assumption. We find it true in experience even as did the disciples of every succeeding age. And when it becomes ours in experience we, too, share their conviction that ''He is risen.''

The very God! think, Abib; dost thou think?
So, the All-Great, were the All-Loving too—
So, through the thunder comes a human voice
Saying, ''O heart I made, a heart beats here!
Face, My hands fashioned, see it in Myself.
Thou hast no power nor may'st conceive of Mine,
But love I gave thee, with Myself to love,
And thou must love Me who have died for thee!''
The madman saith He said so: it is strange.

—Browning.

What does the Regional Worker mean to Saskatchewan

Mrs. Jay Watson of Weyburn tells what it means, or may mean, to have a regional worker in Saskatchewan.

THAT is a difficult question to answer, for the regional worker means many different things to the Presbyterians of Saskatchewan, depending upon their numbers and the section of the country in which they live.

To many pioneering families and isolated hamlets her necessarily infrequent visits mean the promise of the Church they love that they are not forgotten. By wagon, buckboard, horseback, or in carloads these people travel over bush roads or prairie trails, sometimes a hundred or more miles, to hear her messages.

To small groups, whose members sometimes falter for lack of encouragement and inspiration, she brings new life and hope. Never seeming to despair over any situation, she spreads a ''contagion of hopefulness'' wherever she goes.

To congregations of any size she means leadership in reviving languishing enterprises or organizing new ones. By the magnetism of her faith she has in many cases been able to find workers where there seemed to be none.

One small woman of vision, with not too robust health, she is doing work that could keep several young, enthusiastic men very busy. Yet she is a host in herself, for deeply stirred by the needs and untouched opportunities that she sees about her she refuses to be complacent about her work.

She is the voice of Saskatchewan, reminding all who will listen that our Northland—one of the last frontiers—is as truly a mission field as any in far places, and that an army of workers is needed to do effective and lasting work. Is it to be only a voice crying in the wilderness?

Rebuilding Churche in Hungary

According to th *Hungarian Protestant News Bulletin* (January 1948) the help sent for rebuilding of churches and church repairs by the Reconstruction Department of the World Council of Churches has throughout the whole country the effect of an incentive for Christians to join their efforts to make themselves large contributions towards rebuilding of churches. . . .

According to recent reports renovation of all Calvinist churches has been finished in Budapest though none of them had remained intact during the very long siege.

At the Children's Centre, Vancouver

AS announced last month, Miss Helen Ross went to Vancouver in January to work with Miss Catherine Watson at the Children's Centre there.

During the preceding months Miss Watson had a very busy time indeed—with nursery school in the morning, Mission Band two afternoons a week, two Explorer groups, one meeting in the afternoon and the other, ten girls, meeting every Thursday evening, a Canadian Girls in Training group, meeting on Tuesday evenings, and the Sunday afternoon gatherings, besides mothers' meetings at the Centre and visiting in the homes.

Twenty children were enrolled in the nursery school—this term with Miss Ross there to take over the older groups, Miss Watson hoped to increase the number to thirty. Many mothers had applied to have their children enter. Latterly, measles, flu, and colds had interfered with the attendance. The last morning of the term, when the mothers were there, the children showed what they had been doing at the nursery school.

Christmas at the Children's Centre

(Miss Watson tells of the Christmas meetings of the various groups).

— The thought of Christmas to the younger ones was connected with the coming of ''Santa Claus'' to town. They were going to see him, or they had seen him. One little fellow informed a group of children his own age, ''You will have to be good or Santa won't come to see you.''

When Christmas was so much in the minds of the little ones in the nursery school, I thought it was time to begin telling the Christmas Story. Telling it bit by bit, with a lot of repetition, helped them to make the story their own. During the reading period (their own quiet one) some of the children would get out the books on the Christmas Story and look at the pictures and sing, ''Away in a manger''. On the board were the pictures of the Christmas Story, a new one being added until the whole story had been told. The children looked at those pictures and talked about them. On their last day when their mothers were here, they were able to help me tell the Christmas Story as I placed the figures on the flannelgraph. ''Away in a manger'' had been learned. One little girl had told her mother that she was not going to sing at the nursery school but she could not refrain from singing it, too.

The C.G.I.T. were the next to talk about Christmas. They wished to have a Christmas meeting to which they could invite their mothers and friends, and to tell the Christmas Story, using the Scripture passages and carols. So the singing of carols was begun. The characters were chosen and also the Scripture and carols to be used. As there were not enough girls, those who were Shepherds had to be Wise Men, too.

The Evening Explorers asked to have an open meeting, too, for their mothers and friends; but they wanted to put on a play. One night for worship I read them the story, ''The First Christmas Rose''. Immediately they wanted to act that. So we began; just acting and saying the parts of the story was not enough, they added carols. The afternoon Explorers had the Manger scene and carols at their open Christmas meeting. There was the manger, with Mary sitting by it and Joseph standing near, and angels surrounding all. Many of the carols were sung by all those present. The Mission Band was interested in making things for their mothers and having a party only. So at the Christmas party we played games, sang some of the carols that they knew and had the Christmas chapter of the study book.

The Sunday afternoon story hour group spent a couple of weeks preparing the Manger scene. They coloured the background and the pictures and fastened the latter in position. When it was complete they left it in the nursery school room for the children to see. All December they had a singsong of carols. They learned ''Shepherds are we'' and acted it out on two Sundays, with an angel that sang, ''Hark the herald angels sing''.

There was great interest, too, in decorating the rooms as well as the Christmas tree. Once the tree and the decorations went up there was real excitement at the Centre. The nursery school children were the most affected. One little girl had been away for a few days with a cold and when she came back she had to go into the room at once to see if the tree was still there.

Among children at Christmas time, one realizes more fully how much the angels' song, ''Peace on earth, good-will to men'', has meaning in this busy, unsettled world. The children who will be the men and women of the future can learn from earliest childhood that peace, love and good-will have a large share in making the world a happy and peaceful place.

From India to Pakistan and From Pakistan to India

The Rev. Norman Goodall, secretary of the International Missionary Council, left London early in November to visit India, Ceylon, Malaya, Burma, Australia and New Zealand. In a letter sent out by the India Committee of the Foreign Missions Conference of North America, he writes of the great movement of peoples in India that has resulted from the setting up of the Dominion of India and Pakistan.

— It is easy to use superlatives about the state of the world at any point to-day, but I suppose I can claim that I witnessed one of the astonishments of history. Without any declaration of war, without serious premeditation and in completely haphazard fashion, from eight to ten million people in one corner of India took to the road. Some of them were accompanied by ox-wagons or camels and managed to transport a load of personal belongings. Most set out with nothing more than they could carry, some with nothing to carry, with little or nothing to wear and with less to eat. For weeks and weeks the trek was accompanied by savageries which scarcely bear talking about. Floods added their toll without washing the evil away, and most of it occurred in a part of India where a ''cold season'' really means winter.

Although these masses have been reduced to a common level of misery, they have not all come from the poorest sections of the population. Landowners, professional workers, shopkeepers and craftsmen are all included. Some have fared better than others. Even within a shared disaster there are those who are quicker than others at making the best of a bad job and profiting by their fellows' weakness. But so far as the onlooker can see, none is to be envied and all make some claim on pity in this melancholy procession of the homeless.

I have seen only a bit of this picture, and its most lurid colours were put on before I arrived in India. . . . All agree that the casualty total is comparable to that of a major war.

The great trek is nearing its end, but there are still some big-scale movements. My first sight of a great convoyed column was about thirty miles from Delhi. I had a standing seat on an army lorry travelling up the grand trunk road from Delhi to the north-west. We crossed at right angles another main road immediately after the tail-end of the column had passed along it. As far as eye could see, the procession covered it—thousands of men and women slowly tramping to the edge of the world with their burdens.

I think the camps have frightened me more than the marchers. So long as people are moving it is possible to evade the question ''Where to?'' For them it's enough to be able to answer ''Where from?'' or

"What from?" When at last they settle and it begins to be clear what a pitiful settlement they make, all the misgivings come pouring in. It is so evident that they have arrived nowhere. I visited two big camps in Delhi; another at Kurukshetra (where nearly 300,000 people were living in an improvised city of shreds and patches); one at Ambala, and another at Kasur (Pakistan). The Kasur camp is a transit one, receiving Moslems for a few days before they move on to a more permanent centre from which the process of resettlement starts. It begins almost in the compound of an American Presbyterian missionary, whose time is wholly absorbed in relief work, and spreads out over an enormous area. A day or two before I arrived, a caravan of 75,000 had descended on the camp. Not long before, cholera had afflicted 2,000, of whom 800 died. There was scarcely any cholera in the camp when I was there but there were seventy cases of small-pox.

What the coming months will bring either in a solution of the network of problems, created by all this, or in yet more grievous consequences of what has happened, none can foresee. The Governments of both Dominions are working day and night at the immediate task of relief and resettlement and some progress is being made. When it is remembered that the new Administrations had scarcely begun to get established before the storm broke, the wonder is that even the present degree of recovery has been achieved. Apart from the vast and poignant human problem, the economic shock to the new Dominions' economy occasioned by the unplanned transfer of six million people from India to Pakistan and four million from Pakistan to India must have far-reaching consequences. Pakistan has lost the services of most of its professional and commercial classes. India (or that part of it directly affected) is without many of its artisans and technicians. Basic features in the agricultural life of each area have been disturbed. Property and money have passed into the hands of looters and the financial situation generally is as precarious and unpredictable as the moral one. On each side of the frontier there are those in authority seeking to make disaster an occasion for better rebuilding—for the overdue reform of land tenure, the improvement of agriculture or the redistribution of medical resources so as to shift the balance of services between the town and the country; but how soon and effectively ambitions of this kind can be realized is an open question. I have talked with tired Cabinet Ministers and high officials who confess that for as long as they can see ahead all their energies will be absorbed in devising expedients rather than working to long-range policies of reconstruction. Fortunately there are some signs of an approach to collaboration between the two Governments in solving problems which illustrate their economic interdependence, however complete may be their political severance.

There is widespread gratitude for the work of Christian relief agencies during these months and I have heard many expressions of this from Hindu and Moslem officials. Relief work has not been the prerogative of Christians. Various voluntary agencies, Hindu, Moslem and secular, are making their contribution to the total need and their emergence is an encouraging sign of the times. But officials on both sides have volunteered to me the comment that, where the communal strife was sharpest, Christians were in a peculiar position to help and they did so. The National Christian Council of India quickly organized a relief service and about 150 doctors, nurses and other workers from missions and churches were secured for work in the camps and among the convoys. Large supplies of medicines, tinned milk and vitamins have been put at the disposal of the National Christian Council by Church World Service in America; and more is promised. Any help that can be forthcoming from Britain, in further response to the appeal issued some weeks ago over the signatures of the Archbishop of Canterbury, Lord Halifax and others, will be well used and deeply valued. There has been a very marked reluctance on the part of the Indian Christian leaders to make fresh claims on the strained resources of their friends in Britain just now, but there is no doubt about the need and the welcome for any help that is offered.

Photo by Rev. Joseph Muchan

Moti Lal, Jhansi pastor, with his family and Mrs. Lal's sister, Dr. Grace Jones (in white, in front row).

LITERATURE PAGE

Miss Louise A. Reith

TO-MORROW IS HERE is the somewhat startling title given to the report of the Whitby Conference as written by Dr. Latourette and W. Richey Hogg. Much has been said and written about the world of ''to-morrow'' but to those who met at Whitby it seemed that that ''to-morrow'' was ''here''. As the authors say in the preface, ''The new age has dawned. We may not like this new age. It has in it much of uncertainty and even of terror. These are among its outstanding features. Yet all of us who are now living must face this to-morrow. We cannot escape it.''

Dr. H. P. Van Dusen in commenting on TO-MORROW IS HERE writes, ''It is very much more than the report of a conference. It is difficult to recall so small a book so packed full of information, challenge and inspiration.'' Truly we find within its pages those three things, information, challenge, and inspiration.

For our information we are given a concise but clear picture of the situation in the world, the world with all its ''conflicts and tensions'' in which the Church ''must bear witness''. We are made to feel ''the sweep of the world Church'' as delegates from every part of the world pass before us; we come to understand the problems confronting the Church as a whole and are guided towards ways that may help to meet those problems.

We are inspired by being made, through the pages of TO-MORROW IS HERE, a part of that Whitby Conference. For as we read we do become part of that ''fellowship at Whitby'', which included fellow Christians of many denominations from all parts of the world. We are inspired as ''the transforming power of the Gospel'' is demonstrated by the witness of first generation Christians from China, Cuba, India and the Philippines and hear them tell the story of how they came to follow Christ.

We are challenged as with those delegates at Whitby we contemplate what has been accomplished by the Christian Church during the past years and consider such questions as, ''What has the Church to say to the To-morrow that is here?'' and How must it ''interpret the Gospel in the New Day?'' We are challenged as with those delegates we realize that whether we belong to an ''older'' or a ''younger'' church we are ''partners in obedience'' and that the task of ''winning the world for Christ'' is ''one task''. We are challenged as together we consider what the "Next Steps" must be in carrying out the Great Commission and, finally, as we read the concluding chapter, "Mr. and Mrs. Christian Enter To-morrow", the challenge comes to us as individual members of local congregations as we endeavour to find the answers to "What does all this mean for members of the local church? What can the Church members do to help share in carrying out the Great Commission?"

Only slightly over one hundred people from the whole world had the privilege of attending the Conference at Whitby last summer but everyone may share in the message and spirit of that conference by reading To-morrow Is Here.

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Mrs. W. A. McLennan and Miss E. L. McClelland

The Auxiliary Treasurer

THE Treasurer should keep accurate accounts of all monies received, including the General Fund, the Expense Fund and the Supply Fund. She should present a statement at each meeting; she should remit monies in the General Fund monthly or quarterly to the Presbyterial Treasurer. She should provide from the Supply Fund such amounts as are required by the Supply Secretary for the work of the Supply Department and forward the money contributed for the Supply allocation to the Presbyterial Treasurer as Supply money. The books should be examined annually by an auditor, preferably the auditor who examines the books of the congregation.

The Treasurer should pay only such bills and disburse only such funds as have been passed by the Business Committee or at the regular meeting of the Auxiliary. She should check givings carefully with the allocation and confer with the officers to see that the funds come in adequately and regularly. The Treasurer should be the Convener of the Finance Committee and be the inspiration to the Auxiliary in regard to all matters pertaining to finances. Where envelopes are used, she should keep an accurate account and issue receipts at the end of the year, which may be used for income tax purposes. It is the business and privilege of the Treasurer to keep before the Auxiliary a statement of its finances. An active Treasurer can do much to prevent an Auxiliary falling below its allocation. She should acquaint herself with the objectives and needs of the Society and an informed

Treasurer can correct the mistaken idea that reaching an allocation is the extent of an Auxiliary's obligation. The Treasurer can do much to spread the ideals of stewardship and stress the spiritual grace of giving.

YOUNG WOMEN

Mrs. C. N. Johnston, *Secretary*

Easter Worship Service

CALL TO WORSHIP—

Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates,
Behold the King of glory waits;
The King of Kings is drawing near;
The Saviour of the World is here.

Fling wide the portals of your heart,
Make it a temple set apart
From earthly use, for heaven's employ,
Adorned with prayer, and love and joy.

SCRIPTURE READING—Matthew 28: 1-8. Have the whole group read this together, if possible.

MEDITATION—The leader will tell, in her own words, the story of Lazarus as found in St. John, chapter 11. She could use her Bible to follow the sequence of events and as she tells the story she would perhaps want to read several verses from the chapter, for instance, parts of the conversation as given in verses 11-16, 25-27. She might also give an explanation of any difficult passages, such as verses 9 and 10. (Explanation can be found in a commentary.)

HYMN 735 (Remain seated)—If possible, have the verses sung by one person, the whole group singing the chorus after each verse.

PRAYER—Read, as a prayer, Hymn 204.

—Helen N. Scott.

Advance in Christian Education

There are now 70,000 students enrolled in 98 Christian schools in Japan, stated the Christian Education Association in Tokyo. . . . —4,000 in six universities; 10,000 in twelve men's colleges; 10,000 in sixteen women's colleges; 15,000 in seventeen middle schools; 29,000 in forty-two girls' high schools, and 2,000 in five primary schools.

—Ecumenical Press Service, Geneva.

GIRLS and LEADERS

Mrs. Harold Keefer, *Secretary*

MOST of you read about our new mission study on this page last month, and you will be eager to begin the interesting story and anxious to learn about the people who live in the different countries and our workers who are carrying the message of Jesus to them. When you learn of the work that is being done, we are sure you will say, ''Can't I do something to help?'' Because we are so sure that you will want to have a part in this work, we are going to ask you to assume a definite responsibility.

First, will you, the members of girls' groups, provide $420 for the salary of Miss Eileen Budhoo? Miss Budhoo is an East Indian young woman living in British Guiana. In High School she was clever at her studies and so later she was sent to Trinidad for special training in Home Economics. For some time she has been helping in the work of the church in Berbice. Now when Miss Budhoo visits the homes of the people on the Corentyne Coast she will try to give the women practical help by teaching them better methods of cooking and caring for their homes as well as take to them the story of the Gospel.

Then will you also be responsible for $300 to be used for the education of some Indian girls at our Helen Macdonald School for girls at Jhansi, India? In this school, of which Miss Edith Magee is principal, 300 girls are enrolled; and a hundred and fifty of them live in the hostels. As some of these girls come from homes which can hardly provide the bare necessities of life, we should like to have a part in helping to educate them to a new way of living.

Our third request is that you contribute $480 to be used at Mistawasis, our Indian school in Northern Saskatchewan. To this school come the children of the Mistawasis Indian Reserve and many of them have a long distance to travel. Our Women's Missionary Society buys the fuel to heat this building and provides a hot meal at noon for the pupils; at present there are eighteen enrolled. We are sure you will be pleased to help with this project.

Later, we hope to have letters from British Guiana, India and Mistawasis telling more of this work, so be sure to watch this page in the next few months.

We know you will all want to help, and you would be sorry if, at the end of the year, your group had very little to send to the Presbyterial treasurer, so let's plan now, so as to ensure that our share of the responsibility may be met.

Why not appoint a "missionary treasurer" in your group? Decide *now* what proportion of each week's offering is to go to Missions. Perhaps you'll decide upon one third, then that will leave one third for the local church and one third for a community project. Each week let the missionary treasurer take this third and each week report the amount raised. Do this *now* and we know you will do your part in meeting this challenge to our girls' groups.

CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT

Mrs. W. N. Ferguson, *Secretary*

FOR a long time we have been concerned about the many Presbyterian children who have not the happy privilege of uniting with other children in the work and fellowship of our Mission Bands and Explorer groups. In every province there are families connected with the Presbyterian Church who attend worship on Sunday but live too far away for the children to attend any week-day meetings. In the West and North, especially, there are many families so isolated that they rarely, or never, attend church. In several communities, mostly in Ontario, there are children enrolled in Mission Bands as Home Helpers. The leaders provide them with missionary material, tell them to read the Children's Department page in *The Glad Tidings* and endeavour to make them feel they are truly a part of the Mission Band. (Some give a box for an offering.) The interest of the children in the work of the Band and the church sometimes spreads to other members of the family.

In response to requests from leaders of Mission Bands and Explorer groups another packet has been prepared for children who, because of distance or other reasons, are unable to attend the regular meetings of Mission Bands and Explorers. In the packet we are putting a missionary story, a short Bible quiz, suggestions for things to do related to the story, and a list of the study books our children's groups are using and other books we are recommending for children.

Leaders wishing these packets will please write for the required number to the Children's Work Secretary, Room 800, 100 Adelaide Street West, Toronto 1. The children who are interested should be recorded as Home Helper members of the children's group in the congregation, and counted as members in the annual report. It may be that some, at least, of these children might be able to come to a meeting occasionally. Some groups arrange special meetings to which they invite their Home Helper members, parents and friends. In congregations where there is no children's group we will gladly forward copies to a Women's Missionary Society woman who will undertake to explain to parents and children the work of the Mission Band and Explorers and keep in touch with the families.

Also, at the request of leaders, the Literature Department can supply additional copies of the outline pictures sent out with the study books, *My Story Book About the Bible* and *Around the World with the Bible.* Some leaders wish each child to have a set of these pictures to put in scrap-books they are making in connection with their study. For these there is a charge of five cents per set of four sheets, to cover cost of paper and postage.

—Lily M. Macarthur.

THROUGH THE SOCIETY

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Mrs. W. Barlow, 149 W. 5th St.,
North Vancouver, Press Secretary

WESTMINSTER Presbyterial — At the January meeting of St. Stephen's Auxiliary, North Vancouver, the speaker was Mrs. F. W. Allott, Synodical Library Secretary. She spoke on the library work of the Society, stressing the importance of sending good literature where it is most needed. Her whole talk was inspiring.

ALBERTA

Mrs. A. A. Macgregor, 9824 103rd St.,
Edmonton, Press Secretary

CALGARY Presbyterial—The annual meeting of the Presbyterial Society was held in Grace Church, Calgary. Delegates from Banff, Three Hills and Cayley were present, as well as those from the Calgary churches. Mrs. Edgar presided at the all-day sessions, which 62 delegates and many other Women's Missionary Society members and friends attended. Contributions to the general fund, it was reported, exceeded the allocation by $159.

In his address at the evening session Dr. F. S. Morley of Grace Church stressed the need for expansion. Paying tribute to the Women's Missionary Society, he pointed out how essential it was to the life of the Church. Presbyterians are committed to missionary work, he said, going on to explain the reality, value and transforming power of the Gospel. Mrs. W. Harte of Three Hills led in the devotions at the afternoon session. In her address Miss Athalie Read, regional worker in Alberta, stressed the need for missionary education, and also the need for recruits for work at home and overseas. Those who prayed for revival should say, "Revive Thy work, Lord, revive it beginning with *me*." In the evening Miss Read gave an interesting account of work in Formosa where in the last few years 4,000 people of the aboriginal tribes have accepted Christ. She referred particularly to the work of two workers trained in our Bible schools who went back to preach the Gospel to their own people.

In her report the president, Mrs. Edgar, reviewed the activities of the Society for the year and thanked the officers for their support and co-operation. All members, she said, should boldly face the tasks that lie ahead, glad that God had called them to His service. Dr. Morley conducted the installation service. New secretaries: Literature, Mrs. A. C. Low; Exchange, Mrs. J. Denholm; Supply, Miss Kathleen Armstrong; Welcome and Welfare, Mrs. Wm. Gilbert.

At noon the Auxiliary members served lunch, and in the evening the Ladies' Aid of Grace Church served dinner.

SASKATCHEWAN

Mrs. Jay Watson, Box 1056,
Weyburn, Press Secretary

PRINCE Albert Presbyterial — The 34th annual meeting of the Presbyterial was held in St. Paul's Church, Prince Albert, on January 14th and 15th. Mrs. Downing, Melfort, presided. The theme of the meeting was threefold, *Plan, Advance, Follow Through;* it formed the basis of the three devotional services, conducted by Tisdale, Prince Albert and Sylvania Auxiliary members. Delegates were present from Meath Park, Melfort, Clouston, Prince Albert, Shipman, Sylvania, Tisdale and Weirdale.

Reports from the secretaries were encouraging and showed advance. The year's contributions had exceeded the allocation. Special guests were Mrs. Kelly of Moose Jaw, Synodical President, and Miss Ruby Walker, regional worker for Manitoba and Saskatchewan; to each a corsage of carnations was presented. Mrs. Kelly addressed the public gathering on Wednesday evening and Miss Walker gave timely and helpful suggestions and commented on the reports presented. Miss Mavis Chisholm's address on her trip to Oslo Youth Conference delighted the luncheon guests on Thursday. Mrs. Kelly installed the officers for 1948. The next annual meeting will be held in Tisdale.

MANITOBA

Mrs. James Gibb, 308 South Marks St.,
Fort William, Ont., Press Secretary

BRANDON Presbyterial — Excellent reports on the year's work were given by the different secretaries at a meeting of the Presbyterial executive held in First Church, Brandon, in January. Mrs. J. A. Gray presided and Mrs. J. McLeod conducted the devotional service.

The Auxiliary of First Church, Brandon, had as special speaker at their annual meeting in December Miss Ruby Walker, who gave an address on ''Service''. On behalf of the Auxiliary, Mrs. J. F. Leslie made a presentation to the retiring president, Mrs. McRae. The officers for the new year were installed by the Rev. W. O. Nugent.

HAMILTON AND LONDON

Mrs. C. H. McDougall, Box 395,
Strathroy, Press Secretary

CHATHAM—''Because of the greatly reduced financial ability of the older churches in Europe and Britain, the Churches of Canada and the United

States must assume a much larger financial responsibility than before,'' said Miss Laura Pelton at the annual meeting of the Presbyterial. She spoke of the Whitby Conference and of her visit to British Guiana. Reports showed increased interest in the work and larger givings.

The Rev. James Fleming spoke on the Christmas message to the Wallaceburg Auxiliary. ''Vision comes along the line of duty,'' he said. ''The shepherds were doing their ordinary work when they heard the angel's song.'' A new Evening Auxiliary was reported in Thamesville and two Young Women's groups in Windsor, the Elizabeth Alexandra Auxiliary in St. Andrew's, and the Scott affiliated group in Knox, the latter named after Miss Helen Scott, Young Women's Travelling Secretary, and Miss Beatrice Scott of Jobat, thus combining our National and Overseas interests. At their first meeting Miss Beatrice Scott and Miss Isabel McConnell of India were guests. Dressed in a lovely *sari*, Miss Scott told of a Christian's life in India, his home and education. Mrs. W. E. Stauth installed the officers.

Hamilton—There was a splendid attendance at the annual Presbyterial prayer service held in St. Paul's Church, Hamilton. Mrs. H. C. McKellar gave a very inspiring New Year's address on ''Beginnings'', speaking of the new chance given us in a new year and emphasizing the need of courage and confidence; the remedy for this sin-sick world, she said, lies with the Christian.

Paris—The sixty-third Presbyterial meeting was held in Alexandra Church, Brantford, on January 15. The Rev. J. R. Esler welcomed the 63 delegates to the church and the Rev. David Gowdy of Paris brought the Presbytery's greetings. Reports were all encouraging; the allocation had been exceeded and the increased allocation was gladly accepted. The president, Mrs. John Kelman, stressed the necessity for all to recognize duties and responsibilities. She referred to the lack of leadership for the young—''these young people whom we must hold and train, for they are the Church of the future.''

Miss Janet Campbell McKellar, born in Holland, Ontario, in 1868, lived in Ingersoll for 66 years until her death last June. A member of St. Paul's Church, she was particularly interested in missions, and for several years was president of the Victoria Auxiliary. It was while in her home that her cousin, Dr. Margaret McKellar, decided on missionary service. A legacy left to Victoria Auxiliary has been turned over to our Women's Missionary Society to be used to buy needed equipment for Formosa and India, in the hope that it will be blessed by God and bring much comfort to the people there.

Stratford — The Presbyterial annual meeting was held in Knox Church, Stratford. The theme was ''Our responsibilities for the New Year'', and in her address Mrs. Donald Munro emphasized the responsibility God has entrusted to Christians—''The whole world'', she said, ''is asking the Church what it is doing to meet the situation.'' Reports showed interest and growth and the new allocation was accepted. The importance of trying to arouse a greater interest in missions among the young women was stressed.

Sarnia—At the Presbyterial annual meeting, held in Wyoming, all but seven groups were represented, and reports were most encouraging—the givings for 1947 exceeded the larger allocation for 1948. The Rev. Mr. McLean of Petrolia brought Presbytery's greetings and Miss K. Hayes of Sarnia, a delegate to the Youth Conference at Oslo, was the guest speaker. West Adelaide has a new Young Women's group. Cuthbertson Auxiliary, Wyoming, welcomed four new members during the year. They joined with the Pioneer Auxiliary for the Thank-offering meeting, at which Rev. John McLeod of Sarnia was the speaker. For over twenty-five years the St. Andrew's Evening Auxiliary, Strathroy, has at the January meeting presented Junior certificates to babies born to members during the preceding year. This year six babies received certificates; three seals were presented by parents, and one In Memoriam subscription was presented. Often mothers proudly add a seal each year; these children are nearly always members of both Sunday School and Mission Band.

CORRECTION—In December *Glad Tidings,* page 475, the suggestion for rural Auxiliaries should have been credited to the Bear Creek Auxiliary, not to Brigden.

TORONTO AND KINGSTON

MRS. ERIC LARSEN, BOX 262,
MARKHAM, PRESS SECRETARY

THE annual meeting of the Synodical Society of Toronto and Kingston will be held in First Presbyterian Church, Collingwood, April 27, 28, 29. The Billeting Secretary is Mrs. John Shipley, 147 Beech Street, Collingwood. Railway certificates will not be needed. See the April *Glad Tidings* for further announcement.

Guelph—The 34th annual meeting of the Presbyterial was held in Knox Church, Guelph, on January 13th and attended by 300 members. The allocation for 1947 had been exceeded. Mrs. G. Thompson, Stouffville, first vice-president of the Synodical Society, was the guest speaker. Paul's admonition to the Philippians to ''stand fast in one spirit'', she said, each one should take as a New Year's resolution for herself. The president, Mrs. Angus Lindsay, gave the closing message, and the Rev. D. Crawford Smith pronounced the benediction.

Lindsay—The annual Presbyterial meeting, held in St. Andrew's Church, Lindsay, on January 13th, was well attended; Mrs. J. Cathcart presided at both sessions. Devotional services were conducted by Kirkfield and Glenarm Auxiliary members. The Rev. D. McQueen of Lindsay extended greetings from the Presbytery and the Board of Missions. Kirkfield and Wick Mission Bands had the highest standing. Mrs. Summerfeldt, Home Helpers Secretary, reported an increase in members and an advance in givings in that department. Miss Allin reported an increase in the number of Life Membership and Junior certificates. The supply allocation was exceeded. The Rev. Mr. Mulholland of Cannington gave a résumé of his work in China, a field he knows and loves, and spoke of God's goodness to him during his three years in an internment camp. Mrs. P. Ranson conveyed greetings from the Synodical Society, and conducted the election and installed the officers.

Peterborough—The annual meeting of the Presbyterial was held on January 14th in St. Paul's Church, Peterborough, Mrs. R. N. McCulloch presided. Members of the Fraser Auxiliary, Peterborough, conducted the morning devotions. A committee was appointed to arrange for the 1948 Presbyterial rally, which is to be held in Bowmanville, the members being Mrs. L. McLaughlin, Miss F. Galbraith and Mrs. Coyle, all of Bowmanville. The treasurer reported that the allocation had been exceeded by $200.00. Encouraging reports were given by the Young Women's and Evening Department secretaries and Mrs. John Williams of Toronto, Corresponding Secretary of the Synodical Society, urged Senior Auxiliaries to take an interest in those groups. Later, Mrs. Williams gave an address on present-day conditions. Rev. C. G. Boyd of St. Paul's installed the officers, and the president gave the closing message.

Toronto—With a legacy left by the late Miss Elizabeth Forsyth to Rosedale Presbyterian Church, Toronto, a beautiful pulpit Bible was obtained; the flyleaf bears an appropriate illuminated inscription. Miss Forsyth was a fine example of those who practise what they believe. She read the Bible daily with an understanding mind. She loved the house of God and was generous in support of the missions of the Church. The new pulpit Bible is a fitting memorial of one whose record of devoted service is now an inspiration to all those who shared with her the responsibilities of the Women's Missionary Society she loved so well.

MONTREAL AND OTTAWA

MRS. J. R. HILL, 250 COOPER STREET,
OTTAWA, PRESS SECRETARY

GLENGARRY — An event of much interest to St. Andrew's Auxiliary, Maxville, was the celebration of their sixtieth anniversary in December. Mrs. H. A. Doig presided and conducted the devotional exercises, assisted by Mrs. R. D. Kippen. Greetings were received from Mrs. Harcourt Emra, Synodical President, and delegates from other Auxiliaries. The Rev. H. A. Doig spoke for the kirk session and the Rev. M. D. McNabb of Woodlands for the Presbytery. In reply Mrs. Malcolm MacLeod thanked all for their good will as co-workers. Mrs. Ellen Stewart, the only surviving charter member, who was secretary of the Auxiliary for forty-eight years, gave an intimate history of the Auxiliary, referring to the organization meeting which was held in the ''old white church'' on November 24th, 1887, under the supervision of the Rev. John MacLeod. Mrs. Stewart was presented with a gift during the lunch hour. An impressive memorial service was conducted by Mrs. Peter Christie and the meeting closed with the singing of ''Blest be the tie that binds'' and the benediction pronounced by the Rev. H. A. Doig.

Finch Auxiliary held their Home Helpers' meeting at the home of Mrs. Rupert MacIntyre; Mrs. Robertson Millar of Martintown was the speaker.

Lanark and Renfrew — A new Auxiliary was recently formed at Alice, with Mrs. John C. Brown as president and Mrs. Peter Hamilton as secretary-treasurer. The address is Pembroke, R. R. 5.

Mrs. William Ashby, McDonald's Corners, was re-elected president of the Presbyterial at the 34th annual meeting, held in First Church, Pembroke, for two days in January. ''Go Forward'', the theme of the meeting, was the subject of the address given by Mrs. J. R. Hill, Ottawa. There was, she said, a time for prayer and a time for action, and both must be combined to make church work successful; we should "go forward" in Bible study; "go forward" in the sisterhood of service; and "go forward" in our Women's Missionary Society work, which includes "going forward" in our allocation. Alice Auxiliary members led in the devotions, and Mrs. A. R. Ferguson welcomed the guests. In her address, Mrs. Ashby stressed the urgent need of leaders for Mission Bands and girls' groups. Mrs. George Angus gave the sectional report. The treasurer, Mrs. J. Culhane of Renfrew, reported that the 1947 allocation had been exceeded and asked for an increase of $410.00 in the allocation. This was accepted. An impressive memorial service was conducted by Mrs. J. M. Poole and Mrs. A. R. Ferguson. Organization reports were presented by Mrs. W. L. Tait, corresponding secretary; Mrs. N. G. Anderson, recording secretary; Mrs. H. Stinson, Evening Department; Mrs. James Robb, Young Women's Department; Mrs. K. Raynor, Girls' Department; Mrs. L. Lindsay, Children's Department, and Mrs. George Code, Home Helpers. The Rev. A. R. Ferguson brought greetings from the kirk session. Pembroke Mission Band won the award, a very beautiful banner made by Mrs. F. R. Meredith, Renfrew. Mrs. Hill conducted the installation service. Representatives to the Synodical meeting in Montreal—Mrs. Ashby, McDonald's Corners; Mrs. D. W. Blakely, Pembroke; Mrs. N. G. Anderson, Miss Mae Johnston, Perth; Mrs. W. L. Tait, Smith's Falls; Mrs. J. M. Poole, Carleton Place; Mrs. L. Lindsay, Lochwinnoch; and Mrs. F. R. Meredith, Renfrew.

Montreal—In a letter to Miss McDowall, Presbyterial Library Secretary, the Rev. John Elder, Moderator of the Presbytery in British Guiana, expressed their thanks for the books sent to them by the women of the Presbyterial. "Never have we received such a fine selection", he said; and from them every school he visited that month would receive a timely gift of books. "If your ladies could see the radiant smiles on the faces of our East Indian children when they see these gifts, they would feel that it is really worth while."

To the worldly man, the present position of China, threatened as she is by foes from without and foes within, seems utterly hopeless; but to those whose God is the Lord, and who know "the power of His might", these are days of amazing opportunity. Never in the history of Missions in China has the demand been so great as it is to-day for copies of the complete Bible. From all over the country, except from the regions controlled by Communists, come increasing demands, and it is a fact that most of the time of many missionaries is spent in Bible teaching. There seems to be a hunger for knowledge, and not merely a superficial knowledge, of the message of the Book.

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A report has been received from Mr. Ian Morrison, the Society's Secretary in Malaya, that the demand for Bibles there is unprecedented. In addition to demands in the languages of the people in that part of the world, large orders are being received for English Bibles.—National Bible Society of Scotland, in *Christian Literature Committee Bulletin.*

New Organizations

British Columbia

Kamloops-Okanagan Presbyterial—Canadian Girls in Training, two groups, Penticton. Leaders—senior group, Miss Helen Leckie, R. R. 1; intermediate, Mrs. G. M. Thom, 644 Victoria Drive.

Westminster Presbyterial—Canadian Girls in Training groups, Chilliwack (reorganized)—leaders, Miss Morag Campbell, Box 305 (senior), Miss Joyce Stewart, 113 Hope River Rd., R. R. 2 (intermediate); new groups at Vancouver Heights—leader, Mrs. M. Murray, 2728 W. 15th, Vancouver; at Gordon Edmonds Church, New Westminster—leader, Mrs. R. J. Philps, 928-14th Ave.; at Coghlan—leader, Miss Mary Westwood, R. R. 1, Murrayville.

Saskatchewan

Saskatoon Presbyterial—Auxiliary, Biggar. Pres., Mrs. E. A. Andrews; Treas., Mrs. J. Angus; Sec., Mrs. E. A. MacCallum.

Manitoba

Brandon Presbyterial—Mission Band, Lenore. Leader, Miss Ina Smith. Mission Band, Neepawa. Leader, Mrs. Bastedo, The Manse. Mission Band (reorganized). Winnipegosis. Leader, Miss Medd.

Hamilton and London

Chatham Presbyterial—Young Women's Auxiliary, Knox Church, Windsor. Pres., Miss Irene Inglis, 482 Elm Ave.; Treas., Miss Marjorie McMullin, 676 Tournier St.; Sec., Miss Hazel Biddle, 427 Cameron St. Young Women's Auxiliary, St. Andrew's Church, Windsor. Pres., Mrs. W. B. Smith, 973 Marentette Ave.; Sec.-Treas., Mrs. Gordon Stubberfield, 476 Giles Blvd.

Hamilton Presbyterial—Explorer Group, Knox Church, Fort Erie North. Leader, Mrs. Allan Glenny, 159 Oakes Drive, Fort Erie.

London Presbyterial—Junior Auxiliary, St. John's Church, Port Stanley. Pres., Mrs. J. Vary; Treas., Miss Bonnie Smith; Sec., Mrs. J. McIntyre.

Toronto and Kingston

Kingston Presbyterial—Catherine Fairlie Auxiliary, St. Andrew's, Kingston, transferred from Young Women's to Evening Department.

Toronto Presbyterial—Evening Group (affiliated), Streetsville.

Montreal and Ottawa

Ottawa Presbyterial—Evening Auxiliary, Erskine Church, and Mary Masson Evening Group (affiliated), Knox Church, Ottawa, transferred from Young Women's Department.

Treasurer's Statement

December 31st, 1947

RECEIPTS

Missionaries' Personal Expenses	$ 164.75
Gift through Woodlands Auxiliary, ‘‘In memory of Miss Ethel Bredin’’	100.00
A Friend, ‘‘Christian Literature’’	50.00
Mrs. J. F. Fletcher, Chatham, Ont., ‘‘Christian Literature’’	100.00
Mrs. Thos. Bell, Toronto	10.00
Mrs. Elizabeth Gibson, Innisfail, Alta., ‘‘Work in China’’	4.40
Transferred from Pension Fund	225.00
Refund on Projector	28.75
A Friend, ‘‘Books for British Guiana’’	25.00
Government Grant, Birtle Indian School’’	300.00
Mr. Taylor, Orillia, ‘‘Piano for Formosa’’	300.00
Refund on Chinese Literature in Saskatchewan	222.74
Mrs. Jas. Gillespie, Innerkip Auxiliary, ‘‘Work in Formosa’’	10.00
Refund on Dr. Martin's Work in India’’	189.00
Life Membership Pins	60.25
Benalto Ladies' Aid	5.00
Mrs. Axtell, Handsworth, Sask.	40.00
Chinese Sunday School, Cooke's Church, Toronto	23.00
Refund on Deaconess Expenses	9.00
Refund on Student Expense	12.00
Refund on Council Expenses	3.00
Special Contribution, British Guiana, Bhil Field and St. Margaret's Centre	74.13

SYNODICAL SOCIETIES

Alberta	2,169.73
Alberta, Supplies	67.75
British Columbia	3,800.00
British Columbia, Supplies	29.00
Manitoba	2,308.64
Toronto and Kingston	25,431.27
Toronto and Kingston, Supplies	2,418.73
Hamilton and London	20,819.00
Hamilton and London, Supplies	202.08
Montreal and Ottawa	11,275.00
Montreal and Ottawa, Supplies	208.17
Saskatchewan	2,605.19
Saskatchewan, Supplies	85.60
	$73,376.18

DISBURSEMENTS

Weirdale Hospital	$ 10.00
Indian Schools:	
Mistawasis	55.00
Birtle	258.48
Birtle, Government Grant	2,252.95
Cecilia Jeffrey	162.61
Cecilia Jeffrey, Government Grant	3,285.62
Chinese in Canada	1,020.53
Deaconesses	1,431.71
Children's Centre, Vancouver	116.71
St. Margaret's Girls' Centre	298.58
Organization	565.56
Supplies	713.32
Port Work	153.00
Exchange	24.49
Publications	1,438.62
Visual Education	758.33
Administration	1,614.03
Taxes and Insurance	48.40
Grants	300.00
Student	106.55
Christian Literature	175.00
Missionaries' Expenses	707.03
Candidates	120.67
India: Bhil Field	6,533.75
Jhansi Field	4,291.50
British Guiana	70.00
Formosa	1,250.00
Deputation	129.70
Transferred to Pension	612.13
	$28,504.27

RESERVE FUNDS

RECEIPTS

Legacy Fund—	
Legacy through Orillia Auxiliary	$ 100.00
Estate of Miss Cecilia Law, through St. Matthew's Church, Mount Royal	100.00
Estate of Miss Jennie Kennedy, through St. Andrew's Auxiliary, Maxville, ''Repairs to Oxford College, Formosa, Christian Literature and Camp at Lancaster''	500.00
Ernest Wylie Memorial Fund, ''Biblewoman Bhil Field''	300.00
Payment on Windermere House, Toronto	25.00
Estate of Miss Florence Fairbairn, through Fraser Auxiliary, St. Paul's Church, Peterborough	50.00
Estate of Mrs. W. Mount, through Knox Church Auxiliary, Dundas	400.00
Estate of Miss A. Bowman, through Knox Church Auxiliary, Dundas	100.00
Interest	212.03
Peace Thanksgiving Fund—	
St. Andrew's Auxiliary, Eldon Station	1.30
Gordon Auxiliary, Knox Church, Stratford	3.00
Kenora Auxiliary	10.00
McLean Auxiliary, Rogers Memorial Church, Toronto	6.00
Tottenham Auxiliary	10.00
Knox Church, Grand Valley	1.30
Flying Shot Lake Auxiliary	6.00
Interest	227.30
Special Fund—	
Interest	202.09
Pension Fund—	
Interest	229.95
Sustaining Fund—	
Interest	124.56
	$2,608.53

DISBURSEMENTS

Legacy Fund—	
Lancaster Camp	$ 100.00
Repairs to Oxford College	200.00
Christian Literature	100.00
Peace Thanksgiving Fund—	
Missionary on Furlough, Scarritt College	150.00
Candidate, Scarritt College	350.00
Student at Ontario Agricultural College	100.00
	$1,000.00

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EDITORIAL

The sad news of the death of Miss Bertha Robson on March 4th came as a shock, especially to those who had not known that her health had been failing during the last few months. Since before Christmas she had spent a good deal of time in the hospital, but she died at her home in Glenmorris. The funeral service, held in the Glenmorris United Church on Saturday March 6th, was conducted by the Rev. Mr. Wragg, Dr. M. B. Davidson of Central Presbyterian Church, Galt, giving the address. Our Women's Missionary Society was represented at the service by the president, Mrs. Inkster, as well as by members from the surrounding district. (See page 134.)

Miss M. E. Anderson of Georgetown, British Guiana, was leaving the first week of March for Halifax, to spend her furlough in Canada. March 15 — Miss Anderson is at her home in Acton, Ontario.

From the *Presbyterian Message* (March 1948) we learn that Miss Ethel MacDonald was expecting to sail from Halifax on April 5th for British Guiana, to serve there under the Woman's Missionary Society, Eastern Division. It will be remembered that Miss MacDonald was formerly a missionary among the Koreans in Japan, returning to Canada with the other missionaries because of war conditions.

It was hoped to have new Junior certificates ready to send out this spring, but on account of the printers' strike in Toronto nothing has been done. As they may not be ready much before the time of the Council meeting, it is suggested that secretaries continue to use the certificates they have. If required, more may be obtained from Mrs. D. Strachan, Room 800, 100 Adelaide Street West, Toronto 1.

We have been asked to call attention to the fact that British Columbia has a new Lantern Slide Secretary—Miss Catherine Watson, 1123 Burnaby Street, Vancouver.

Green Valley and Quiet Glen

A Tribute to Bertha Weir Robson

WE shall always see her in one of these settings, and she was wont to compare them, the beautiful and fruitful valley in the Amkhut hills, India, and the quiet village of Glenmorris, Ontario, where during a furlough she built a wee house among her ''ain folk'', almost as though she had a premonition of her coming retirement. For 21 years, 1912 to 1933, she served on our Women's Missionary Society staff in India and in 1925 was the only missionary left on our staff on the Bhil Field, the others having gone into union or retired. It was a great responsibility for her, arranging to open new work for a staff of young and inexperienced missionaries, but she faced it courageously and those who were her fellow workers will testify to her unfailing tact, wisdom and good judgment.

Dr. and Mrs. Buchanan had taught and laboured tirelessly among the Bhils for sixteen years before she joined them, but it was she who began an organized system of education in Amkhut and the nearby villages. Miss Robson was a graduate of Queen's University and a teacher of some years' experience. She had a genius for imparting knowledge and training others, so that the Christian education as she planned it flourished and bore lasting fruit on the Bhil Field. To-day among the leaders in the Christian Bhil communities there are many who were her pupils—Jigiyo Padre is the ordained minister of the Jobat congregation, Tezlo Master a teacher and Musa a pastor, and, of her two special ''wards'', Ruth is a nurse in our Jobat hospital and Patsy a successful teacher.

There will be sadness and mourning in the Amkhut valley when word reaches there that Miss Robson has passed away, for the Bhils do not forget her, and her loving influence on them during the years she taught and befriended them. In 1929 she wrote, ''This year, too, is the beginning of a new era in the history of the Amkhut school. Shanti and Ditali, who have been attending Normal School at Indore for the past two years, have returned and are now on our own teaching staff—*our first fully trained women teachers.* These girls were babies when I came to Amkhut!''

Miss Robson had the true missionary's understanding of the needs of her field, and the vision and faith to see how these needs could be met, and to present them to others. She also had a gift for planning and building and the M. G. Abey Memorial Children's Nursing Home was the realization of one of her most cherished dreams. She supervised its erection during the years 1930 and 1931 when many difficulties were surmounted. Again she wrote, "Through all this busy-ness runs the purpose for which we are here—the care of these simple jungle folk for whom Christ died—teaching here, training there, encouraging one, reproving another, laughing with them, weeping with them, and loving them all the while."

It was serious illness that brought Miss Robson home in 1932 for rest and treatment and it was well nigh heart-breaking for her that it was impossible for her to go back to India to the work and people she so dearly loved. The wee house in the quiet glen became the Mecca for many travellers—missionaries and other friends constantly sought out the one whose companionship had meant so much to them. We consulted her frequently about the work in India and sometimes sent prospective candidates to see her that we, and they, might have the benefit of her good advice. Later when her health improved she was able again to follow her noble profession and to teach school in Galt and at Clear Lake, Ontario. No one can estimate the value of these services, but we know that the wonderful qualities which so endeared her to the people of India would inspire her work and influence in these later years.

In 1934 at the biennial meeting of the Council of our Women's Missionary Society in Montreal we honoured Miss Robson by presenting her with a special gold medal suitably inscribed in recognition of her twenty-one years of faithful pioneer service on the Bhil Field.

Now her valiant spirit has gone on, "where the pastures are always green and the waters ever still," and all that was mortal lies at rest in that sweet and quiet place in the Glen. The truest appreciation that we can show is the continuance and expansion of the work in India to which she gave her best years. In loving remembrance and gratitude may we think of the following words from Holy Scripture, so applicable to her, "And they that be teachers shall shine as the brightness of the firmament and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever."

—*Muriel L. McMurrich.*

Synodical Annual Meetings

Toronto and Kingston—April 27, 28, 29, in Collingwood.
Hamilton and London—May 10, 11, 12 at Chatham.
Montreal and Ottawa—April 19th and 20th in Montreal.
British Columbia—April 27, 28, and 29 in Fairview Church, Vancouver.
Alberta—April 5, 6, 7, 8, in Grace Church, Calgary.
Saskatchewan—March 31 and April 1, in Regina.
Manitoba—April 21, 22 in St. James Church, Winnipeg.

Response Encouraging — Need Great

BY THE REV. GORDON FARADAY, SECRETARY, PRESBYTERIAN RELIEF COMMITTEE

CONGRATULATIONS! Our people have responded notably to the appeal for clothing. Not that we do not need more, but in these first weeks they have exceeded our hopes. We do need *money,* however, and lots of it—to be used for (1) wooden churches (''emergency churches'') to replace those lost in war; (2) scholarships to enable European students to study at the Presbyterian College, Montreal, and Knox College, Toronto; (3) Christian literature, Bibles, etc., to relieve the great shortage throughout Europe and Asia; and (4) food, to be bought in bulk in order to save money so that more can be sent.

A distressing situation was brought to the attention of the committee when it met last (late in February.) A number of Ukrainian displaced persons are living in a Camp in Bavaria, in the American Zone of Germany, and they are appealing to us for aid, because they remember that, at one time, a Ukrainian deaconess supported by the Women's Missionary Society (Western Division) worked amongst them for several years. We were told that these people were so destitute that they were wrapping their babies in newspaper to keep them warm. This was brought to the attention of the Canadian Church Relief Abroad Committee in Toronto, and it in turn contacted the World Council of Churches. Within a week we had a reply from Dr. J. Hutchison Cockburn, former Moderator of the Church of Scotland and now Director of the Department of Reconstruction and Inter-Church Aid of the World Council of Churches, saying that the people were being cared for. Our committee forwarded 20 *Care* parcels of food to them. A small contribution, but it was a beginning.

I know that members of the Women's Missionary Societies will desire to help these people and others in need. Send your money to Mr. E. W. McNeill, Room 805, 100 Adelaide St. W., Toronto 1, Ontario. Our committee will see to it that all contributions are used for the needy areas. God loveth a cheerful giver.

A New Secretary's Answer

''No, we have not yet done our best to see that *all* women in our congregation know about and read *The Glad Tidings.* There are many who should be receiving it who are not. Please send me some sample copies. . . . I am very desirous to do all in my power to see that every home receives *The Glad Tidings.*'' (See January *Glad Tidings,* page 2.)

THE PRESBYTERIAN ADVANCE FOR CHRIST — AND PEACE THANK-OFFERING

"That They Go Forward"

IN this the third year of what was to be a forward movement in our Presbyterian Church in Canada is there evidence of the reality of that movement, evidence of a real Presbyterian Advance for Christ? Undoubtedly, in some parts of the Church, at least, there are signs of advance—a new spirit among the people, new life in congregations, a new readiness to assume responsibility for a share of the Church's work. If the Advance is to be a reality throughout the Church, however, it must be a steady, progressive movement growing in strength and purpose as congregations, and individual members, with a clearer vision and a deeper conviction of the task of the Christian Church, come to understand, and accept, the responsibility of our Presbyterian Church for the part of that task entrusted to it.

In these first years of the Advance our people were asked for $2,000,000, ''to equip the Church for the forward movement'', to strengthen and extend its work. This was to be a *Peace Thank-offering,* the giving of which ''should be the evidence of a feeling of deep gratitude to God for the ending of the war and for the protection granted to us during the war years'' and of the realization that we have been afforded a further opportunity to go forward in His work.

The Rev. J. A. Munro writes of some of the needs of our Church if it is to meet changing conditions in the West and the North West. Much of what he says is true of northern Ontario and Quebec—and of other parts of the central and eastern provinces. Young people, among them many who fought in the last war, are going to make homes in new areas, and many families are coming from other countries to begin a new life in this ''land of freedom, peace and prosperity''. The Presbyterian Church in Canada must have a part in building up Christian communities in these areas, whether they be in the north or the west.

On all our overseas fields, we have been told repeatedly during these last years, the time is ripe for advance—to strengthen the church on the field and reach out to districts still untouched, or almost untouched, by the Gospel message. Eight new missionaries went out during the last months of 1947—the Rev. Thomas Maxwell's departure for British Guiana was delayed until April—and six other missionaries returned to their fields. New or experienced, all missionaries have gone forth as representatives of The Presbyterian Church in Canada. Are we to fail them, or to support them to the best of our ability, by our intelligent interest, prayers, and money—and missionaries? ''The need is great.''

Western Missions

BY THE REV. J. ALAN MUNRO, SUPERINTENDENT, WESTERN MISSIONS

THIS period of rehabilitation and reconstruction is not an easy one in any field of missionary endeavour. A new era has come upon us throughout the whole world and we are too closely involved in it to be able to see its nature clearly. While this is so patently true of our overseas work, it is true to a lesser degree of our situation in Canada.

There are some indications, fairly well drawn, however, of developments in Canada which should help us to appraise our place as a Church in this nation. This little article will deal only with the four western Synods, and the following are some of the more noteworthy characteristics of the situation to-day throughout the West:

(1) Rural prairie population has decreased—urban population has increased.
(2) British Columbia's rural and urban population has greatly increased.
(3) Prairie and British Columbia farming is in a prosperous condition.
(4) Lumber, mining, fishing and business generally are good.
(5) The North West (areas to the north in the four western provinces) has increased in population and production to a marked degree. There is a greater variety of communities in the North West—military, coal and other mining, distributing centres, etc. Its wealth has greatly increased.
(6) Immigration is bringing peoples of various nations to us in increasing numbers.
(7) Non-Anglo-Saxons who were termed, variously, ''foreigners'', ''new Canadians'', ''immigrants'', have moved much nearer to assimilation than they were a few years ago.

It will be well for us to list some characteristics of our Church situation with the above:

(1) Financially, our ''base'' is much stronger than before the war. The ''main'' and ''secondary'' lines of our Church—that is, in larger and smaller centres—in the four western Synods are in better financial condition.
(2) We have made some progress in Synodical organization.
(3) We have overcome the serious difficulty which beset us for many years with respect to the quality of our ministry. At

one time we had a large number of "misfits" who came to us from outside and who did us much damage.

(4) We have a very serious shortage of ministers—far too many vacancies, some of which have been for heart-breaking periods of time.

(5) The nature of equipment necessary for western work has changed. This is particularly true with regard to travel, and missionary education.

(6) Our missionary work is less diversified than before the war. Apart from our regular mission fields we have only,
 —the Indian Schools at Birtle and Kenora,
 —Missionaries at Waywayseecappo, Rolling River and Mistawasis Reserves,
 —A university men's residence in Saskatoon,
 —a Children's Centre in Vancouver.

(7) A Western Missions office has been set up in Saskatoon.

(8) There are excellent camps, well equipped, at Shoal Lake, Manitoba, Christopher Lake and Long Lake, Saskatchewan, and Sylvan Lake, Alberta.

Keeping in mind the "shift" in population, immigration, the increasing part children of immigrants of a generation ago are taking in communities, and the expansion of northern communities, together with our present shortage of ministers, it will be easily seen that our first and greatest need is for ministers and missionaries. No other problem is as urgent—indeed, there *just is no other major problem.*

The expansion of urban and suburban areas means that we must expand with them. We have need of full-time ordained ministers to overtake this work in every centre across the West. Across the North we should be at work in the new frontier fields and in the larger distributing towns and cities. No one else can take the place of an ordained minister in these great sections of country. We have been asked to send ministers along new highways being built in the provinces—Hope—Princeton and Prince George—Dawson Creek in British Columbia; Edmonton—Yellowknife in Alberta; Flin Flon—Yorkton in Saskatchewan, and The Pas south in Manitoba.

There are many towns in Western Canada of considerable size where we have as yet no visibility as a Church. We should be working in them—some of them have asked that we do. New and important towns are springing up here and there with developments in oil, gas and coal fields. We should be working in them.

We have been asked by some frontier fields to give help in establishing hospitals. We need more children's centres. We need very badly to have training schools for Sunday School teachers and young people's leaders. We need well trained workers—some native—for our Indian Missions. We need to expand our non-Anglo-Saxon work to meet the needs of immigrants and of the Canadians who were "new Canadians" a generation ago.

As a Church we ought to be giving far greater attention to work among delinquents, and—more important—among churchless communities to prevent delinquency. We need more camps and youth centres of different types.

There seems to be endless work ahead for us as a Church, which is as it ought to be. A hymn-writer has claimed "*Work* itself is *love.*" And that is the note all departments of our Church must hear in these uncertain times—which means a transformation for many of us.

Somehow much of our work has lacked zest—a spirit of urgency. We have been strolling leisurely when we ought to have been running. Or we have taken "time out" to discuss (sometimes even quarrel) when time is so precious we ought not to waste a minute. Surely there is need for the whole Church to be used by the Holy Spirit of God, to be used with true urgency to bring men and women from darkness into light. I know of no other way in which the Church can fulfil Christ's commandment to her, but that her membership, in sacrificial spirit and action, shall witness to the grace of redeeming love in Jesus Christ—with *urgency.*

This is the Day when each one of us should say to his or her own soul—

"Soul, waste not thyself, thy substance or thy hour!"

I've often thought, with Andrew, what are these
    Five barley loaves and two small fish among
    So many who are hungry. I have hung
Back with my little . . . I have forgot
    The simple homely lunch the lad had brought
Was a beginning. So my little is
Not really unworthy, I must remember, but
The start of something greater, some new good
That's larger, lovelier than I'm aware
Of now. I must remember always what
Happened, that far day, when He took the food
And broke it for five thousand, after prayer.

—Elaine V. Emans in *World Outlook.*

New Missionaries on Overseas Fields

Rev. Gordon K. Agar and Mrs. Agar, Jobat, India

At the time of their appointment by the General Board of Missions to missionary service on the Bhil Field in India, the Rev. Gordon K. and Mrs. Agar were living at Harriston, Ontario. At a designation service held in Knox Church there by the Presbytery of Saugeen, they were set apart as overseas missionaries. Born at Nashville, Ontario, Mr. Agar is a graduate in Arts of the University of Toronto (1940) and in Theology of Knox College (1941). Before accepting the call to Harriston, he served at Port Alberni, British Columbia. Mrs. Agar (the former Isabelle Gillanders) was born in Ireland, but she grew up and received her early education at Kinistino, Saskatchewan. Graduating in Household Science from the University of Saskatchewan in 1941, with the degree of Bachelor of Science, she came to Ontario to engage in war work. Later she was dietitian at a Hamilton hospital. Mr. and Mrs. Agar have two children.

The Rev. G. K. and Mrs. Agar have sent this letter to readers of "The Glad Tidings".

— Here we are on the Bhil field in Central India. Six weeks have passed quickly since our arrival. Besides getting settled at Jobat and beginning language study, there have been many new things to see and do.

It is difficult to put into words just why we are here, except to say that it is an answer to a definite call from God. We had both been led to think of doing work overseas earlier in life, but recently, through the messages of other missionaries, He pointed us to the need here. And truly the need is great.

The Christian compound at Jobat gave us a very hearty welcome on the evening of January 2nd. Since then, we have been greatly impressed by the Christian life of this community. There are church services and prayer meetings, in which, though we understand little of what is said, there is such a genuine spirit of worship. On our second Sunday here the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was celebrated. The bread was broken *chapattis,* and the wine, raisin juice. We drank it from washed leaves, which were passed and which each one folded into cup shape himself. That day the remembrance of Christ's death had an even deeper meaning for us than before.

As you bowed in prayer to-day at your World Day of Prayer service, we wonder if you could have visualized the one in which Mrs. Agar joined. In the little red church about fifty Bhil women sat on mats on the floor, while Elizabeth-bai, the wife of Daniel Padre, led the service.

The missionary ladies occupied benches at the back of the church. Singing is without any accompaniment, and it is beautiful. Nurse Ruth Singh gave the address and several of the women read Scripture passages and led in prayer—all of it in Hindi, of course. The value of this service was increased by the realization that many groups of you at home were offering up similar prayers, in English.

All around us the fear of evil spirits and heathen worship are evident. One day in Dohad, about two weeks ago, we saw a Hindu holy man lying on a bed of thorns. Through torture of the body they are supposed to gain merit, but the irony of it was that with one hand he was holding a cigarette he was smoking, and with the other he was begging for money.

There is a road which runs past our bungalow into the bazaar. At one place nearby it crosses a small stream. People travel mostly on foot, carrying water pots, sheaves of jungle grass or bundles of wood on their heads. The ox-carts usually move in groups with loads of fodder, sugar cane, bamboo and so on. And there is usually someone washing clothes in the river. We often wonder how many of them have heard of Jesus Christ. We are learning to love these people and look forward to the time when we shall be able to talk to them.

A visit to Amkhut a short time ago brought to mind the great pioneer work done by Dr. and Mrs. Buchanan on this field. The fact remains, however, that the present staff is two male evangelists short of what it was when he retired. Two vacant bungalows are awaiting the young ministers who are willing to come over and help us. We pray that the Lord Jesus Christ in His all-wise and loving Providence will soon guide many more labourers to this corner of His vineyard.

Jobat, February 13th, 1948.

Rev. G. K. Agar, B.A.

Mrs. Agar, B.Sc.

Miss Hazel Reaveley, Jhansi, India

Miss Hazel Reaveley

Miss Hazel Reaveley, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Reaveley of Edmonton, was designated as a missionary of The Presbyterian Church in Canada by the Presbytery of Edmonton at a service held in First Church, Edmonton, on June 16th, 1947. Having come to the decision to offer herself for missionary service, she had entered the Presbyterian Missionary and Deaconess Training School in September 1945. After one year there, she went to Scarritt College, Nashville, for a year's special course in preparation for work in India under our Women's Missionary Society.

Miss Reaveley's first letter to the members of our Women's Missionary Society and our other readers.

IT is already over a month since I arrived in Jhansi . . . and now I am beginning to feel as if I belonged a little to the permanent setting that is our part of India.

It is difficult to assess the full value of a new experience when one is still so close to it. In these few short weeks I have seen practically nothing of India. I can only guess at what my real task here will be. In the beginning one steps out into the dark. But a special promise has come to me. Typewritten on a card it hangs now on my study wall—"Be strong and of good courage, and do it: fear not, nor be dismayed: for the Lord God, even my God, will be with thee: he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee, until thou hast finished all the work for the service of the house of the Lord." (I Chron. 28:20). My first month in Jhansi has been very happy.

We were two days late reaching Bombay. . . . Miss Edith Magee met me there and the following afternoon (New Year's Day) we set out by train for Jhansi. Train travel in India is "definitely different" from any I had experienced before. Luggage, any amount of it, and passengers keep close company in the compartments. One climbs in through the window, if the mountain of luggage has shut off access through the door. In our compartment the switches for the fans and lights had been stripped off in past communal troubles, but an experienced hand can manipulate the bare wires well enough to get the fans "on" and the lights "off".

Mrs. Young and Mr. MacKay met us at the Jhansi station with the jeep. At the bungalow the orphan children were standing in a group in front of the door and sang a welcome song composed for the occasion. Then we were garlanded with flowers. It was still Christmas holiday time and all the other children had gone home. After they returned, the school gave me a special welcome. A whole programme was planned, each class putting on a number of its own. The older girls sang (in English), welcome songs composed by some of the teachers; one of the classes composed a verse for each of the letters of my surname—they had a little difficulty because ''e'' occurred three times, but they ended with ''enthusiastic'', ''entertaining'', and ''extraordinary''. As every class presented its own garland of flowers by the end of the morning they were piled up almost to my nose.

A few days after I arrived in Jhansi I began studying the language. Now I can recognize the odd word or phrase in the Sunday sermon. I can't imagine myself understanding the stream of words which flow from the lips of the villagers, but I expect I will in time, and then it will seem natural enough.

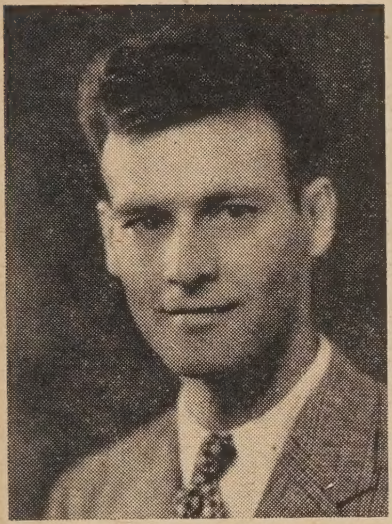
It is ordinary routine here to make a trip to the bazaar, but it is still rather a novelty for me. The life of India is revealed in its traffic: ox-carts poking down the middle of the road with the disregard of time that seems to be the earmark of the east, tongas drawn by undersized horses to the tune of bells that are the pride of their owner, and, most pathetic of all, the tiny donkeys laden to the ground, their drooping ears eloquent of dumb endurance. Always there are the villagers. Some of them wear leather shoes curling up at the toes in a manner distinctly elfin. For the village women the fashion is to wear a *sari* the colour of a faded rose. Originally it has been quite a brilliant and fairly attractive red, but sun and washing fades it out.

The soil here is thin and poor and the land very rocky. The stone of the floors of our bungalows and buildings has been quarried from the hills around us. But even in January there are roses in our garden and the sunny, cloudless, blue sky might belong to a mid-July day in Alberta.

NOTE—We had hoped to have messages from all the new missionaries for this number of *The Glad Tidings,* but at the time of going to press some had not yet been received.

I can devote myself; I have a life
To give.

—Browning, *Paracelsus.*



Rev. J. C. E. Andrews, B.D.

Mrs. Andrews, M.A.

of Manitoba, then did post-graduate work at the University of Toronto. They were married in 1944. In preparation for work in China, they spent three terms in the study of Chinese at Yale, and after the designation service held by the Presbytery of Winnipeg on July 13th, 1947, in Norwood Presbyterian Church, they left for China, sailing from San Francisco on August 8th. The autumn was spent in further study, at the School of Chinese Studies in Peiping, but they are now in Kunming, where Mr. Andrews' work will be in the Middle School under the Church of Christ in China.

The Advance and Our Young People

BY MISS HELEN N. SCOTT

NOT long ago a young woman said to me, ''My husband and I feel that we want to get as much out of life as we can right now, since the future for our world seems so uncertain. Most of our friends feel that way, too.''

In our world to-day there are those like this young woman who feel that they can live only for the present. Others are seeking (perhaps groping after) something more than this; they feel that there must be a meaning in life that they do not yet understand. Some of us have found the answer through Jesus Christ—we know that the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth. In the kind of world in which we live to-day what is our part as Christian young people of our Presbyterian Church in Canada?

''Advance'' means, first of all, a growing understanding on our part of the will of God for our lives, a deepening of our consecration to Him. We must also develop a knowledge and understanding of what our work is, not only as individuals but working together within the fellowship of the Church. Now is the time when we should be thinking about the kind of Church we should have in the years to come.

What are some of the unexplored areas of need in our world, in our own land, for which the Church of Jesus Christ must provide the final answer? For instance, how can we as a Church reach the industrial worker more effectively than we have been doing? What part can we as a Church take in providing for our aged people? How can we reach people in areas where the population is scattered? What part have women in the life and work of the Church and how can they contribute most effectively to that work? How can we better assimilate people of different racial groups into the life of our Canadian churches? These are some of the things for which we as young people must plan as we think of ''advancing'' for Jesus Christ.

We must remember, however, that this planning cannot be just in abstract or general terms but that it involves each one of us. If the work is to be done, each one of us must help to do it. There are ''no other hands but ours'' to do the task *to-day.* If we are going to pray that our Church will advance, then we must each be prepared to take our part in that Advance. If we are sincere in our prayer that the Lord of the harvest will send forth labourers, then some of us will be willing to go forth as labourers.

The Advance — And "Localism"

BY WILFRED F. BUTCHER

THE campaign for the Peace Thank-offering in connection with the Presbyterian advance for Christ is reaching its final stages. The General Assembly has asked all districts and congregations to make vigorous efforts, within the next few weeks, to reach the entire objective, which is urgently needed to equip the Church for its future work.

By December 31st, 1947, the people of the Church had given or promised $1,380,000, of which $1,020,000 had been paid in cash. In the case of many congregations all promises had been redeemed, but there are other instances in which they are being fulfilled but slowly.

Whenever people have realized the importance of the Advance and Thank-offering they have given with great generosity. They want to do their part to put the Church they love in a better financial position than it has known for many years, to strengthen its work and to provide the equipment needed if it is to go forward and fulfil its evangelistic responsibility before God, for Canada and other lands. But there are areas in which it appears that there is little interest in, or knowledge of, The Presbyterian Church in Canada. In these districts people are sometimes proud to call themselves ''good Presbyterians'', but display little or no concern for the welfare of the Church beyond their own community.

The other day a fine old lady in a country village remarked, '' 'Localism', that is the word to describe our attitude. We are interested only in ourselves, and have little concern for the work or future of The Presbyterian Church in Canada.''

That is the crux of the matter. Where there is such concern for the Church in general, in a genuine way, there will be no difficulty in meeting local objectives for the Advance, and the sum of these will reach the national aim.

Everything really depends upon local leadership and its faith and vision. The national committee on the Advance and Thank-offering is doing what it can to help. New and most interesting leaflets have been prepared for general distribution. In the period from the beginning of April to early July, speakers, including a number of outstanding women, will visit most districts that have not done their full part.

There is a sense in which The Presbyterian Church in Canada is now in a period as decisive for its future as were the years from 1923 to 1927. Then it was determined that the Church should live. The question now is, ''For what shall the Church live?'' Some are concerned only to maintain a tradition in their own localities. Others are convinced that the Christian Faith, as understood in the Reformed Churches, must be proclaimed to the entire population of Canada and on the mission fields. They give to the Advance as generously as they possibly can.

To our preposterous race obstacles are the breath of life. If you would make human beings happy, give them a task and a cause, and the harder the better.

—Macneile Dixon in *The Human Situation.*

Let us trust in God and gird on our armour for the work before us, in the assurance that He will bless us. —John Geddie.

It is certain, historically, that concern for the proclamation of the Gospel throughout the world is an infallible thermometer of the spiritual temperature of the Church in every age.

—Stephen Neill, in *Christ, His Church and His World.*

Prayer

OUR loving heavenly Father, we come to Thee in humility, and with hearts full of gratitude for all Thy loving care. We thank Thee for the verdant beauty of the springtime, for the sunshine and rain, with its promise of abundant harvest. Above all, we thank Thee for the gift of Thy Son Jesus Christ, for His life, His death, and His resurrection.

Merciful Father, forgive us for breaking Thy laws and in so doing helping to bring famine, war, hatred and death to Thy world. Forgive our indifference, our coldness, our love of ease, our selfishness and our worldliness. Fire our hearts with ambition to follow more closely in Thy way.

We would ask Thy blessing on those who have been set in places of authority. In a world in confusion and turmoil we know that the only true peace comes from Thee, the Prince of Peace. We pray, O Lord, that leaders and people may come to realize this and put their trust in Thee, who made heaven and earth and all things, ''visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers''.

We pray for those who represent us in the missionary fields. Be with those who have returned after furlough with renewed strength to continue their work. Be with those who are newcomers on the field. Give to them that vision and inspiration without which they can accomplish nothing. We would ask Thy blessing on the new Christians. Strengthen their faith. Give them that firm conviction in the saving power of Jesus Christ that will sustain them at all times. Help us who are at home to uphold our missionaries by our continual prayers.

Our Father, bless our Church in all her undertakings. We thank Thee for what has been accomplished in the past. Enlarge our vision that we may advance to greater things. Many doors and new fields are opening. Endue us with Thy Holy Spirit that we may grasp these opportunities, that many more may be brought into Thy fold.

May we serve Thee better and love Thee more, that Thy Kingdom may come on earth as it is in heaven, through Jesus Christ Thy Son, our Lord. Amen.

Lord of the far horizons, give us the eyes to see
Over the verge of sundown the beauty that is to be;
Give us the skill to fashion the task of Thy command,
Eager to follow the pattern we may not understand.

—Bliss Carman.

"Export or Perish!"

BY THE REV. DAVID SCOTT, D.D.

I Peter 4: 10—Stewards of the manifold grace of God.

WHAT is the aim of missionary endeavour? Is it to plant in heathen lands healthy and well-attended churches, bristling with organizations of one kind and another which cater to recreational, social, and every other type of need? Far be it from me to decry such achievements or to under-rate their value, but let us confess that that value is secondary and that the true aim of missionary endeavour lies beyond it. The true aim of missionary endeavour is to enrich the world's life with an ever-increasing crop of Christian characters, displaying the virtues and graces which only the Christian faith has been known to produce. Such graces are in far too short supply to-day and it is for want of them that the world remains under the threat and shadow of war, and every attempt made to realize family relationships among the nations is strangled at birth.

The lovely words of our text emphasize our responsibility to give a gift and also the wonderful nature of the gift that it is in our power to give. We are to be stewards, trustees of ''the manifold grace of God''. The word in the original Greek which the translators have expressed by the English word ''manifold'' is really far richer in its content than that translation would imply. The fact is that the English language has no exact counterpart for the Greek word and would require to employ a cumbersome circumlocution in order to reflect fully the meaning of that word. It is a word (the Greek one) that poets have used in the description of the meadows in high summer, interspersed with wild flowers of every hue and shade. It is used also to describe a piece of fine embroidery in which the colours are cunningly wrought into intricate and beautiful designs and patterns. Again it is used to describe carvings in wood or in metal, the fine chasing of the goldsmith or silversmith and the incomparably delicate tracery in wood that marks the carvings of a great artist like Grinling Gibbons. From these examples of its use we can see that it is meant to express infinite variety and perfect beauty—beauty that arises from balance and blending. Now if we think of people in our home churches who, we feel, really live their religion—isn't that the kind of word we would apply to them, to express the character that they consistently present to the world? They are strong with a strength that nothing can break, but yet they are modest and gentle, charitable and conciliatory. They are not loud but they are firm. They are delivered from the tyranny of self and ever subserve their own interest to the interests of others. They are always ready to go the second mile and take the second place, and, while stern in applying principles of justice to their own actions and projects, they are forward with mercy when the actions of others are under review. Wherever they go they carry with them an atmosphere of wholesomeness and refinement and peace. And yet no two of these people are alike or give the suggestion that they have been turned out of the same mould: their qualities are blended in them in different proportions and are somehow rendered original by the personality that unifies them. In Bible language, the grace of God sits upon them and gives them characters of infinite variety and beauty. And it is that wonderful transforming grace that operates such a miracle on virgin human nature; it is that that the Christian Church is charged to pass around the world.

There are many who unthinkingly say, there are more who tacitly hold, that the development of Christian character in men and women of primitive half-civilized races is, of necessity, partial, that it will take at least a century before you can expect to produce in such people the fine flower of western saint-hood, Now the exact contrary has been proved over and over again and Missionary history abounds with examples of men and women, whose originally savage and heathen nature has, under the transforming power of the Christian faith, become fully equal to any saint-hood that the world has ever seen. Indeed it is the solemn testimony of missionaries that their whole conception of the Christian life has been enlarged immensely when they have seen it lived by those who were converted by their own labours.

I was recently living on a remote hill-farm in the Highlands of Scotland, where acres upon acres of what was until recently bare unproductive moorland has now been brought under the plough. It was on this farm that there grew, this last summer, the finest crop of oats that has been seen in the countryside for many years. Indeed it was far finer than most of the oats that one saw in the rich farming country to the south and it was with astonishment that I learned that the ground on which that crop grew had, only three years ago, been part of the bleak bare moorlands that surrounded us. And so it is to-day in our mission fields where characters of unparalleled strength and integrity are being produced under the impact of the Gospel.

''Export or perish!'' is a slogan in many countries to-day and it is a slogan that the Church of Christ has need to take home to itself. Its endowment is unique as a transformer of human nature, it holds the only real solvent for barbarism. What then can justify the Church in a refusal to export its precious wares? By such refusal it renders itself chargeable with putting civilization in jeopardy and also it keeps itself impoverished, because the greatest need of religion in our homelands is a fresh manifestation of the power of the Spirit. Let Church members everywhere realize that their very greatest asset is that they have the power to be ''stewards of the manifold grace of God''. By accepting and prosecuting that stewardship they can move the world and they can save it. If they fail no one else can succeed.

Newcomers Grateful for Welcome

Extracts from a few of the letters received in reply to the letter of welcome sent by the Director of Immigration on behalf of our Church.

— Thank you very much for your letter of January 13 welcoming me to Canada. It really was nice to receive your greetings in a strange country and made me feel at home. I am happy to be here in this peaceful land of plenty after the war years in Europe.

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— I am very thankful for your warm greetings. Certainly the first days are hard for immigrants in a foreign country. I feel lonesome but your letter has brought plenty of sunshine in my daily life. I am very happy for the opportunity of emigrating to this country where I have found my second home.

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— Thank you very much for your kind and heartening letter of welcome to Canada and the Presbyterian Church. I am a widow of this last World War and I have three sons. . . . We hope to make good citizens of this our adopted country.

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— I thank you for your cordial letter of December 19, 1947. I came to Canada three weeks ago and all that I have seen was new for me and strange. I was feeling myself alone but now after your letter I am not alone. It was the first letter that I received here in this country. Thank you for your good wishes.

—I thank you kindly for the letter that I received from you. I am getting along well with my work and with the people around me also. We like the place very much but we will be happier when we know our neighbouring Canadians better.

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—I wish to thank you and the members of your Committee most sincerely for your letter of welcome. Although I have already made many friends and no longer feel a stranger in the country it is most gratifying to know that the Presbyterian Church is so well established and that we are able to practise our faith in the manner in which we believe. I have attended ——— Presbyterian Church since my arrival and have been given a most cordial welcome. I have been greatly impressed by the interest shown in me by the Church and the community in general, and feel that I shall be proud and happy to live and work in such a Church and community. Once again I thank you for your interest in me.

Changed Outlook

Referring in a recent letter to some changes the years have brought into the lives of Chinese women and girls, Miss Gertrude Scott of Victoria wrote:

—I have been thinking of what church groups mean in the lives of the women and girls, and that has brought to my mind again what I have been told of the lives of Chinese women in the early days in Victoria. The married women lived very secluded lives. It was a great event for them to go out of their homes, even on a shopping expedition. To belong to a club or society was an unheard-of thing. For two decades and more now, however, our Christian Chinese women have been meeting in groups, to worship together, to express their thoughts and opinions, to give little talks and addresses, to learn about the missionary work and needs of our Church, and to have happy hours of fellowship together. All these things, fostered in the Senior and Young Women's Auxiliaries, the girls' groups and the children's meetings, have made a remarkable change in the outlook of those who take part in such activities. The woman of thirty years ago was concerned only with her family circle. Now she sees her family fitting into the great family of God. The girls and children, too, are coming to know that their particular group is only a part of a larger and very beautiful fellowship.

Jhansi Missionary Glad of Experience Among the Bhils

Miss Lily Simpson, missionary nurse on the Jhansi field in India, who has been working at the Jobat Hospital since October, writes of some of her impressions, and experiences, during these months on the Bhil field.

. . . I shall always be very glad of this opportunity of working among the Bhils.

I think it is wonderful to see a hospital like this in the jungle, so to speak. Patients come from long distances to it—there are only a comparatively few patients from Jobat itself. They come by ox-cart, by bus, or are carried on beds. Some of them come after they have been to their own medicine man, who cannot help them and only causes them greater suffering as he attempts, by burning, to let out of their bodies the evil spirit which they think is the cause of their illness. They are usually very ill by the time they reach the hospital and they are usually covered by burn scars. It is interesting to see the expression on their faces as they improve. The first day or two their faces are drawn with suffering and then when they realize they are getting better their faces light up when we visit them and they look altogether different. They appreciate very much the care they receive in the hospital, and when they go back to their village, they tell others and then one notices more patients coming from that village.

All the hospital staff were invited to a tea party yesterday by one of the patients. He had been discharged from the hospital, but he wanted to express his appreciation of what the nurses and the doctor had done for him before he left. The patient next to him let him use his room, too, and both rooms were prepared with rugs for us to sit on—the men in one room and the women in the other. We sat on the rugs and were served tea and sweets—a plateful of sweets, far more than we could manage. It would not be right to leave them, but in India one is allowed to take home what one cannot eat at the time. So those of us who had clean handkerchiefs wrapped up the sweets in them and those who did not were given paper. Imagine our surprise when we saw that the paper given to us was sheets from *The Glad Tidings!* After we had finished eating, flower garlands were presented to the missionaries and Nurse Ruth Singh. All the patient's relatives were present, though they did not eat with us. They made a pretty picture with their lovely coloured clothes—not the *sari,* as these women being Mohammedans wear trousers, a long shirt and the head piece. The men dress much as do the Europeans. . . .

. . . Miss MacMurchy is in charge of the nurses and teaching them while I am in charge of the hospital work. I have visited one clinic (at Kuksi) twice. (I do not think that all the clinic work is quite the same.) This clinic was very much like the medical evangelistic work I have been doing in Jhansi; even the people are very much alike. The doctor stayed at our little mission house with the men; they had the meeting on the verandah, with all the people stopping to listen as they came from the *bazar*. The workers always go to the different villages on their *bazar* day, for then there is an opportunity to meet with more people. As there is an Indian doctor in Kuksi, Dr. Quinn does not have so much medical work to do; the Kuksi doctor, however, often consults with him and sends patients in to the hospital. While the doctor is seeing the few patients and having meetings with the people, I go with the Biblewoman or nurse who is with me to visit the homes of those who have been patients in the hospital. These are not Bhils, but Mohammedans and Hindus. I should like to visit some of the other clinics, too; perhaps I shall before I leave Jobat.

Recently I spent some days at Amkhut resting and enjoyed it very much there. It is the most beautiful place in our two mission fields in India, a lovely place to rest in. The bungalow and the other buildings are in a sort of valley, with hills all around. As all the people are farmers, the Bhil houses are scattered, some of them built on the hills. Many of the people who live there appreciate the beauty of their surroundings. I visited some homes with Miss Douglas; in one case, the house was built right on top of a hill. The woman there says she lives in the most beautiful place, and I think she spoke truly, for it is a lovely place; and she was rightfully proud of her home—one of the cleanest I have ever been in. She did not know we were coming to visit her, yet the place was spotless. After we had talked with her for a little while, being a true hostess she had to give us something to eat. To please her, after much persuasion we took a little of the corn bread she had ready for the meal. Another little trip that I enjoyed in the district was to a place about six miles from Amkhut. The roads were not very good and we could not have got there in an ordinary car, but with the jeep we had no difficulty in getting through the sandy river beds. I went with Miss Douglas and Miss Rollo, and we took medicines with us. As it happened to be the day all the farmers were gathered together to pay their rent, we had the opportunity of meeting with quite a large group. They listened very well as we spoke to them of the Saviour, then after the meeting all those needing medicine came

In the jungle about six miles from Amkhut: Miss Simpson and Miss Douglas in back seat of jeep, Miss Rollo in front.

to the car and Miss Rollo cared for them. They seemed to be very happy that we had gone out to visit them and invited us to come back again.

There is a friendliness among the Bhils that one does not see among some of the other peoples of India. They are not so concerned about politics.

I have visited non-Christians as well as Christians. There are wonderful opportunities in this area. The work here presents a challenge to us as we see this vast territory and so few workers! Certainly the fields are white unto harvest, *but the labourers are few.*

Group of Bhils that heard the missionaries' message, and, if needed, received treatment and medicine.

Christmas at Jobat

Miss Isabelle Hunter, of the Landour Community Hospital, India—formerly Young Women's Secretary of Toronto Presbyterial—writes of her visit to Amkhut and Jobat in December.

— Miss Douglas and Miss Sherrick met me at Dohad and drove me to Amkhut, . . . where there was a warm welcome from Miss Rollo and supper by the fire. The morning showed Amkhut in all its beauty, from the arch of bougainvilia at the bungalow to the green of the distant hills. No longer did I wonder that the missionaries here were so enthusiastic about the beauty of their field. I felt that I, too, could be very happy in Amkhut "far from the madding crowd". As it was the Christmas holiday there were only a few school children in the hostels. The "babies" were dear wee tots that easily found a place in one's heart.

Short as my stay in Amkhut was, I had time to visit two Bhil homes. We walked—crossed two rivers, walked along a road for most of the way, then crossed the fields to the first house. We were greeted by loud barking but the dog retreated as we approached and took up a position outside the small enclosure within which lived both family and livestock, the former in a room on one side of the entrance, while on the other side buffalo, cows, and goats were huddled together. The new baby was swinging in a little hammock made from a *sari* folded over ropes attached to the side walls. Miss Rollo left medicines for the mother. On our way home, a Bhili man came down to the road and begged us to visit his family. He had been to the dispensary in the morning but was still worried because there was no improvement in the condition of his wife and two children. Seeing them herself, Miss Rollo was able to advise him further as to what to do. He looked very much relieved when she assured him that all would be well—later, we heard that all three were recovering.

On the way to Jobat, Miss Sherrick had to contend with very heavy traffic; not that we met many, if any, other cars, but the procession of oxcarts seemed endless. The oxen looked very docile but they frequently resented being asked to move to the side of the road. One needs to be an expert driver, with mechanical ability, a steady head and hand, to cope with the exigencies of motoring in India.

Miss MacMurchy was alone at Jobat, as Miss Simpson was away on holiday and Dr. Quinn had gone to Bombay to meet the incoming missionaries. We had a happy, and busy, Christmas together. . . .

When the School programme was given on Christmas Eve, we were proud of the children for reciting the Scripture portions perfectly—Calvin Master and the parents must have been especially proud; then the gifts on the Christmas tree were distributed—a dress to each girl and a shirt to each boy, with a bag of peanuts and *gur* (raw sugar). There were special prizes for good attendance at Sunday School and church; as she presented these, Miss MacMurchy explained that a little girl in Canada had given her a bolt of red satin ribbon to be used for the hair ribbons for the girls. What a lovely thought it was and how happy it made her sisters in India!

Christmas Day began very early, members of the congregation beginning their carol singing just after midnight. They reached the bungalow about three o'clock, and we got up to greet them and give them the customary "treat" of peanuts. When, before five, the nurses came up to greet us we decided to get up for the day. It was a chilly morning and the girls welcomed Miss MacMurchy's suggestion of a fire and a cup of tea; we played a number of records for them, and all enjoyed the early morning feast of Christmas music, then they received their gifts from the Christmas tree and, in no time at all, it was six o'clock and time to go down to the hospital for the carol service. Each one in the group carried a candle, and the long line of lights from building to building was an impressive sight. The familiar carols were sung in Hindi and in two of the large wards a brief message was given. The fire was burning when we returned to the bungalow. Miss MacMurchy and I had *chhoti haziri* (morning tea) in front of the fire and opened our own gifts from the tree. As we sat there, the first of the Christmas offerings arrived—Hindi pastries, sweets and other specialties, brought by some of the women to the *missahibs.* I wondered if we would ever be able to eat them all, but they were so delicious they soon disappeared.

The Christmas church service was held in the morning and the service in the hospital at two o'clock. Again we sang well known carols and some of the male nurses spoke briefly on the subject of Christmas. As the usual congregational Christmas *khana* (dinner) was postponed, so that it might be the occasion of a welcome to the new and returning missionaries, Miss MacMurchy and I had time for last-minute preparations for the drama which was to be presented by the Christian Endeavour in the evening. Prepared by Calvin Master, it dealt with the prophecy of the coming of Christ and its fulfilment in the birth of the Babe of Bethlehem. It was well done and merited the wholehearted support it received from the congregation. After the busy day we were happy to sit comfortably by the fire enjoying hot chocolate. Because it was Christmas, the battery had been put in the radio, and imagine how thrilled we were when the announcer said, ''This is the Canadian Broadcasting Company calling from its Montreal studio''! We heard French-Canadian carols, messages from the far north and a programme from Vancouver. This unthought-of pleasure seemed to be a very special Christmas gift and sent us to bed feeling that the busy hours had been crowned with happiness.

This season seems to be a popular time for weddings. While I was at Jobat we went to a *mangni* (engagement service) and to a wedding; in both cases the girls were nurses. At the *mangni* the pastor conducted a short service. Then tea was served—it was more like spiced milk than tea and, to me, more palatable than the usual very sweet tea. The groom-to-be took his place beside the girl he was to marry and presented her with gifts—each held up for the guests to see and its cost announced—bracelets, ear-rings, *sari* and blouse piece, handkerchiefs, and so on. Her gifts to him were displayed in the same way. The wedding we attended was held in the church, the bride coming from the Nurses' Home, past the bungalow, accompanied by some of the other nurses in training. She wore the traditional white *sari* with the silver border, and the garlands of flowers that she had been given. The groom wore a white suit and yellow *pagri* (turban), and carried a long curved sword, to protect his bride, I presume. He also was decorated with garlands and wore several heavy necklaces. After the ceremony, somewhat similar to one at home, the couple received more garlands, of flowers and peanuts, one garland being placed over both of them. The wedding feast was served on the church verandah. The *missahibs,* who were dressed in *saris* for the occasion, were given seats of honour on the left of the bride. No expense had been spared and a sumptuous repast of rice and goat curry was served. . . .

This week Miss MacMurchy was able to show me more of the hospital work. It was all very interesting, but very different from Landour Community Hospital, for the Jobat Hospital is specially for the Indians. [The Landour Hospital is for the missionaries who spend their holidays in the hills or go to Landour to study, as well as for the people of the district.] The relatives come with the patients and live on the compound to prepare the necessary food, a separate kitchen being provided for each of the private rooms. As there were several very sick patients, Miss MacMurchy was kept busy. The nurses come to the bungalow every Tuesday evening for a singsong and games. How they enjoyed themselves! The evening closed with the reading of the Christmas story and prayer.

On New Year's Eve the congregation gathered in the bungalow to welcome the New Year. Arriving about nine, they played table tennis, Chinese checkers, and other games. Then as midnight approached, the pastor led in a short service of worship, so that the assembled company greeted the New Year as they waited before the Lord. Tea was served before they left. On the afternoon of New Year's Day the annual sports were held. The usual congregational picnic was not held, but the nurses and the *missahibs* had lunch together by the river—curry and rice with more of the Indian pastries generously sent over to us by a family group picnicking under a nearby tree. Miss Simpson supervised the sports with the help of one of the compounders. There were the usual dashes, relays, three-legged and sack races for young and old. . . . Small prizes were given for the races and I felt very important giving out the "money" (paper) which was to be exchanged when there was less likelihood of it being lost by the children.

All too soon my visit came to an end, but the end was thrilling, too, for I went in to Dohad to get the Bombay train when Miss MacMurchy went to meet the missionaries. It was grand to "welcome" Miss Kennedy, Miss Nichol, Mrs. Quinn, the Agar family and Mr. Toombs. We enjoyed breakfast together before they left for Jobat.

Planning for More Effective Work Among Bhils

From a letter written by Miss Mary Sherrick, Amkhut, January 18th.

. . . This last week Miss Douglas and I attended the meeting of the Bhil Work Council. We were somewhat disappointed to find only four missions represented out of a possible eight, nevertheless the meetings were quite good and we enjoyed the discussions and the fellowship with missionaries from other missions. Among the subjects discussed were: Bible Schools for the training of lower grade workers, including part-time and voluntary workers; agricultural-bias schools for Bhil communities; adult literacy; district medical work and public health service.

One of the things we enjoyed most was the devotional periods, which were led by an Irish Presbyterian from the Gujerat United School of Theology. We so seldom have a chance to hear a message in English that such opportunities are very precious.

LITERATURE PAGE

Miss Louise A. Reith

EVERY year at Presbyterial and Synodical meetings some new officers are elected and among them some new Literature Secretaries. Therefore it seems appropriate at this time that all Literature Secretaries pause and think of the duties of Presbyterial and Synodical Literature Secretaries.

First of all, let us remember that the Literature Department has a definite responsibility in helping to carry out one of the aims of our Society—"To encourage study and to provide missionary education for all its members". By "all its members" we mean all who belong to the various groups within the Society, the Mission Bands, Explorers, Girls' Groups, Young Women's, Evening and Senior Auxiliaries. Obviously it is no small task.

In order to be able to help to encourage study and provide missionary education it is essential that Literature Secretaries enjoy reading and will take the time to become familiar with the materials available through the Literature Department for all the groups. Books are reviewed each month on this page and each month a list of books available is printed on the inside of the back cover of this magazine.

It is the responsibility of Presbyterial and Synodical Literature Secretaries to have displays of these books at Presbyterial and Synodical meetings. Send for these displays to the Literature Department, Room 800, 100 Adelaide St. W., Toronto 1, Ontario. Ask to have the display by a date long enough before the meeting that you will have time to read and know the books. The Literature Department bears the cost of sending out the displays but it is the responsibility of the Presbyterial and Synodical Secretaries to see that the books left over are returned.

Be sure that sufficient time is given you on the programme of the meeting to bring the books to the attention of those present. Display the books attractively. Suitable posters attract attention and create interest.

Books sent in displays are for sale and the Secretary should take orders for additional copies desired. The Literature Department will send the books ordered direct to those ordering them, invoicing them to the Secretary taking the orders, who is responsible for seeing that payment is made. All Secretaries should see that accounts are settled at least twice a year, by June 30th and December 31st. Accuracy in keeping a record of the sales, orders taken and invoices and receipts received will make the task of the Secretary much easier.

If you are a Presbyterial Literature Secretary it is your responsibility to see that Literature Secretaries are appointed in the Auxiliaries in your Presbyterial. Keep in touch with those Secretaries. Remind them of the studies and supplementary books available. At the end of each year secure from them a statement of the materials bought and used by members of the Auxiliaries, being especially interested in finding out the books which appealed most to the members. Send on this information to your Synodical Literature Secretary.

Likewise it is the duty of Synodical Literature Secretaries to keep in touch with the Presbyterial Literature Secretaries, to encourage them in their work, to see that information concerning the materials is being used, and at the end of the year to report to the Secretary of the Literature Department.

Remember it is ''missionary information'' that we are endeavouring to make known. Many interesting books containing this information are available. Evaluate your success as a Literature Secretary not by the dollar and cent value of the books you have sold but by the number of books containing missionary information in which you have been able to interest others during the year.
(Auxiliary Literature Secretaries see the *Auxiliary Page.*)

AUXILIARIES

Mrs. W. A. McLennan and Miss E. L. McClelland

THE Literature Secretary of an Auxiliary has very definite responsibility as well as great opportunity, for she is a link in the chain of Literature Secretaries who share the task of bringing available missionary information to the attention of the members of the Women's Missionary Society.

Be sure to choose as Auxiliary Literature Secretary one who enjoys reading, for then she will find pleasure in carrying out the duties of her office.

The Auxiliary Literature Secretary can be of great assistance in planning programmes for the Auxiliary meetings as she should be familiar with the programme materials and the supplementary books which will help to make the meetings more interesting. She will find these materials described from month to month on the Literature Page in *The Glad Tidings* and listed in the Book List on the inside of the back cover of this magazine.

The responsibility of the Auxiliary Literature Secretary does not end when she has seen the Auxiliary provided with programme material. She should be equally interested in seeing that the girls' groups and children's groups are using the recommended study books. Indeed, she might encourage the Auxiliary to provide those studies for them.

As soon as an Auxiliary Secretary sees books advertised which she feels would be of interest to her Auxiliary she should secure copies of them either from the Presbyterial Literature Secretary or from the Literature Department, Room 800, 100 Adelaide St. W., Toronto 1, Ontario. After reading the books herself, she will be prepared to tell the other Auxiliary members about them, encourage them to secure copies for themselves and to build up an Auxiliary Library of good missionary books which can be passed among the members, both active and Home Helpers.

While the Auxiliary Literature Secretary should be given the opportunity frequently to tell of some new interesting book, at least once a year the entire meeting might be in her charge, at which time she would have a display of the books available and demonstrate how through them a picture of mission work around the world can be secured.

The Literature Secretary is responsible for taking orders for books from the members and securing them for them. If members purchase books, they should report their purchases to her, so that at the end of the year she may be able to send in to the Presbyterial Literature Secretary a complete report of books purchased during the year by the members of her Auxiliary. In her report she should tell of the books which appealed most to her Auxiliary; the ones used as programme material, and for individual reading.

Many can be interested in reading good missionary books if they are told about them. That is the responsibility of the Auxiliary Literature Secretary. To one who loves books the office can be a pleasure. It is an important office and with the right person in it an Auxiliary should receive the benefit of more interesting meetings and better informed members. What would be the result in the Society as a whole if in every Auxiliary there was an interested, active Literature Secretary who enjoyed her office?

—*Louise A. Reith.*

YOUNG WOMEN

Mrs. C. N. Johnston, ***Secretary***

(1) Are you a subscriber to our Society's official monthly publication?

(2) Do you read your copy of *The Glad Tidings* carefully every month?

(3) Is every member of your Auxiliary a subscriber?

(4) Do you refer to *The Glad Tidings* for the most up-to-date information on the work of our Society?

If you can answer "Yes" to these four questions, you are a credit to your Auxiliary and should be a most satisfactory member. But, unfortunately, there must be quite a number of our young women who cannot answer "Yes" to these questions. According to our last printed report, we had 2,796 members but only 712 subscribers to *The Glad Tidings.* Don't you think there is considerable room for improvement?

To you who are *Glad Tidings* Secretaries we would suggest that you check your lists now and make it your aim to have "every member a subscriber". We know there is no end to the number of excuses you will hear why they do not take this magazine, but a member who is sufficiently interested to attend a meeting and contribute her share cannot conscientiously keep up to date on all branches of our work unless she reads *The Glad Tidings* each month. If you have your own copy, you will read it; but if you have to wait to borrow one, the month will slip by and you will probably miss that issue.

So do let us face the facts and really increase the number of subscriptions in the Young Women's Department in 1948. And do not just subscribe to the magazine, but subscribe to it and read it. You will find many letters and items that will be of interest to you.

GIRLS and LEADERS

Mrs. Harold Keefer, ***Secretary***

HAS your group been flying high as you take "Wings over the World"? We hope that you have enjoyed the mission study flight around the world this year. Now you will have a greater appreciation for the work being done by the Church in the different countries of the world and a better understanding of the problems it is facing. At the conclusion of your flight, think about these suggestions.

Something to do. Procure a copy of the "Picture Map of the

World'' (60c) or the ''Around the World with the Bible'' map (60c).* The former shows pictures of boys and girls around the world; the latter shows various ways in which the Bible has been taken to different countries. Colour the pictures on the map; perhaps you could hang it in your church vestibule or Sunday school hall. They are fun to do—and the finished maps are colourful and interesting.

Affiliation! ''I now declare you an Affiliated group in the Women's Missionary Society.'' When as members of a girls' group you hear these words of the service you know that your group is affiliated with our Women's Missionary Society. Each year when groups complete the mission study, a service of affiliation or re-affiliation is held. Free copies of the order of service of affiliation are available.* If your group has affiliated previously, use the service of re-affiliation given on page 51 of *Wings Over The World.*

''Why Church?'' Here is a book that every 'teen-ager will want to read. It is an interesting story of a group of boys and girls. It tells of their fun, the stories they liked to hear, and their times of serious discussion and worship. It is available at 75c.*

Who is she? Try this quiz on yourself and on the members of your girls' group. Below are given four facts about each of five of our missionaries working in other countries. Each person in your group should have paper and pencil. Read one fact to the group at a time. Pause briefly; then go on to the next fact. Those who write down the correct name of the missionary being described after the first fact get four marks, those who get the name after the second fact get three marks, and so on. Answers will be found on page 168.

I 1. She was born in England but later made her home in Montreal. 2. She is a graduate of the Presbyterian Missionary and Deaconess Training School. 3. She has served one term in India and returned there in December 1947. 4. During this second term she is to do district evangelistic work in the Jobat area.

II 1. Her home is in Edmonton. 2. She sailed for India for the first time in November 1947. 3. She is studying the language at Jhansi. 4. She is to do evangelistic work in the Jhansi area.

III 1. She is an accomplished pianist. 2. During the war years she supervised a nursery school in Canada. 3. Her home was in Orillia, Ontario. 4. She has returned to do missionary work in Formosa.

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* Order from the Girls' Work Secretary, Room 809, 100 Adelaide St. West, Toronto 1, Ontario.

IV 1. Her home was in Galt, Ontario. 2. She is a graduate nurse. 3. Before the war she worked in Manchuria. 4. Now she is nursing in the mission hospital at Kienshui, Yunnan, China.

V 1. Her home was in Toronto. 2. She is a teacher. 3. She went to British Guiana in 1945. She teaches in the Berbice High School in British Guiana.

—*Margaret Webster.*

CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT

Mrs. W. N. Ferguson, *Secretary*

Books in Chains

"THERE," said Bill as he placed the last of his beloved books on their new shelves. "Don't they look friendly? If only," he added with a rueful glance at the vacant spaces, "they were like chickens and would come home to roost!"

"Chain them," suggested Joan, with a laugh.

"Chain books! Who ever heard of such a thing?"

"I did. Our Sunday School teacher told us she had seen Bibles chained to reading desks in some old churches in England."

"Not only Bibles in churches," said Mother, "but often whole libraries in schools and universities in Europe were chained to their shelves in the Middle Ages, and even as late as the seventeenth century."

"How were the chains put on?" asked Bill, who always wanted to know how things were done.

"That was work for the coppersmith," put in Grandfather as he laid down his book on the table and raised its left cover. "The coppersmith took a narrow strip of flat brass and passed it round the front edge of this cover, leaving a loop in front of the top corner large enough to let in an iron ring an inch and a quarter across. To this ring a chain three or four feet long was attached. The coppersmith fastened the strip of brass to the cover with copper nails round the edge to protect the binding. On the free end of the chain was a larger ring. This he slipped, like a curtain ring, onto an iron bar above the shelves."

"But couldn't they be slipped off the rod the way Mother takes down the curtains?" asked Joan, who failed to see the use of chains if some one could make off with book, chain, and all.

"No, indeed," said Grandfather, "every rod was locked, and the key kept in a safe place. When a reader wished to consult a book, he took it down by pulling the chain. Then he placed it on the wide shelf that ran along the wall under the book-shelves. There he could sit and read it."

"Grandfather, may I have one of the books you have ready for the paper collection?"

"And what bright project is taking shape under those brown curls?" asked Grandfather.

"You'll see," promised Joan. "I am going to fasten a narrow strip of shiny yellow paper to the front edge with thumb tacks, and make a chain with two rings, and show the girls in our class how books were chained."

"You must paint the title on the fore edge, Joan. Remember the chain was attached to the upper front corner of the cover, and so the book was placed back first on the shelf."

"How funny they must have looked!" laughed Joan.

"How *sad* they must have looked! Books in chains!" exclaimed Bill.

"I don't know," mused mother. "I like to think of those village people of the long ago, gathered in their church to listen to some one able and willing to read to them from the large English Bible that Edward VI, four hundred years ago, ordered 'to be set out in some convenient place within the church'."

"Yes," assented Grandfather. "We can be more unkind to books than were those who chained them. Think of the many wise and noble books that are seldom or never opened—books with the wisdom of the ages within their covers! And we will not let them speak."

"That is worse than being in chains," said Joan soberly. And Bill turned with a look of loyalty to the book friends on his shelves.

—*E.M.*

Each one has been a little child,
A little child with laughing look,
A lovely white unwritten book;
A book that God will take, my friend,
As each goes out at journey's end.—John Masefield.

Answers to Quiz on page 166:

I Miss Margaret Kennedy
II Miss Hazel Reaveley
III Miss Isabel Taylor
IV Mrs. Mildred Gehman, Reg. N.
V Miss Edna Goodwill

THROUGH THE SOCIETY

BRITISH COLUMBIA

MRS. W. BARLOW, 149 W. 5TH ST.,
NORTH VANCOUVER, PRESS SECRETARY

BRITISH Columbia Synodical Society mourns the passing of one of its valued members, Mrs. W. W. McGregor of North Vancouver. Her work in British Columbia began in 1911 when she moved from Calgary to Cranbrook, where she served as Auxiliary treasurer and Mission Band leader. In 1917, and again from 1926 to 1934, she was president of St. Andrew's Auxiliary, North Vancouver, and again Mission Band leader. From 1922 to 1925 she was Presbyterial Home Helpers Secretary, and in 1935 served as Provincial Life Membership Secretary, and later as president of St. Stephen's Auxiliary, North Vancouver. Forced to give up because of ill-health a few years ago, she remained keenly interested in church life and missionary work and attended many meetings in a wheel chair. Westminster Presbyterial is grateful for her faithful service and the inspiration of her life of devotion.

Kamloops–Okanagan — St. Andrew's Auxiliary, Armstrong, had as guest speaker at their February meeting Mrs. R. A. Ferguson, the Presbyterial president. She gave an excellent report of the annual meeting of the Council of our Women's Missionary Society, which she attended in Toronto.

St. Andrew's Auxiliary, Penticton, records the passing of Mrs. F. Brown in January 1948. Regular in attendance and faithful in her giving, she will be greatly missed by the Society.

Westminster Presbyterial—The 34th annual meeting of the Presbyterial Society was held in St. Paul's Church, Vancouver, on February 10th. The theme of the meeting was "Be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might." The treasurer's report showed a substantial increase in givings during 1947, $4,125.00 having been contributed. A large quantity of reading matter, including many magazines, was distributed. Two hundred visits to Vancouver and New Westminster hospitals were recorded. The Rev. H. A. Berlis addressed the gathering on the subject, "An Ancient Cure for Modern Ills". Miss Catherine Watson of the Children's Centre gave an interesting talk on the training of young women for church work. The Rev. W. G. Hollingworth welcomed the women to St. Paul's Church and the Rev. H. Lennox spoke for the Synod, Rev. H. A. Berlis for the Presbytery, Rev. J. C. McLean-Bell for the Young People's Association, and Miss Sybil D. White for the Synodical Society. Mrs. W. J. McFadden was re-elected president, and Mrs. J. L. Paterson elected treasurer.

The senior Auxiliary of St. Stephen's, North Vancouver, honoured Mrs. H. A. Berlis for her service in the missionary work of the Church. At the Young Women's Auxiliary meeting Mr. Berlis installed the officers for 1948 and spoke to the members on the subject "Facts and Fancies about the Bible".

ALBERTA

MRS. A. A. MACGREGOR, 9824 103RD ST., EDMONTON, PRESS SECRETARY

EDMONTON Presbyterial—The annual meeting of the Presbyterial Society was held in First Presbyterian Church, Edmonton, on January 30th, Mrs. C. Oscroft presiding. The morning session was largely taken up with the various reports, which were all very encouraging.

The main feature of the afternoon session was an address by the Rev. Luther Young, for many years a missionary of our Church to the Koreans in Japan and now minister at Wainwright. After a delightful banquet, at which greetings were extended by members of the Presbytery, the ladies adjourned to the lecture hall for the evening meeting, which was in charge of the Young Women's groups. The outstanding address was given by Miss Buckles, a medical missionary to Central India. In a very inspiring message, she described a day in a busy hospital, spoke of what the influence of a Christian nurse means to the people, and gave many little details about cases she had had, showing differences between Christian and non-Christian.

Macleod Presbyterial—The Lethbridge Auxiliary held its January meeting in connection with a dinner meeting, held under the auspices of the Y.W.C.A. and the Women's Missionary societies of the Baptist, Anglican, Presbyterian and United Churches, that all might hear Mrs. E. Weyman's address on ''The World's Y.W.C.A. Council Meeting in China''.

At the conclusion of their regular meeting, the members of St. John's Auxiliary, Medicine Hat, entertained the ministers' wives and the presidents of the Women's Missionary societies of St. Barnabas, Fifth Avenue, Westminster, First Baptist and Memorial churches. Thus an opportunity was provided to meet newcomers to the city and promote friendship with other branches of the Christian Church. The ladies were welcomed by Mrs. R. T. Cunliffe, president of St. John's Auxiliary.

SASKATCHEWAN

MRS. JAY WATSON, BOX 1056,

WEYBURN, PRESS SECRETARY

MOOSE Jaw Presbyterial—The worst blizzard of the winter roared through Southern Saskatchewan while the delegates assembled in Moose Jaw for the annual meeting of the Presbyterial Society. A number of delegates from outlying districts, and even some from close in, were compelled to cancel their plans for attending the sessions when faced with impassable drifts, howling winds, and almost complete lack of visibility. However, though numbers were few, the discussions were spirited and stimulating and it was an enthusiastic audience that welcomed the Rev. N. D. Kennedy of Regina, the guest speaker.

Mr. Kennedy spoke on ''The Church of Christ in China'', attempting to answer those critics who believe that our Church should not co-operate with that Church. He assured his listeners that the Church of Christ in China came into being because of the specific needs of Chinese Christians.

The Mission Band banner for achievement was presented by the Mission Band Secretary to the Band of St. Paul's, Moose Jaw, for their outstanding work during the past year.

Mrs. James Sherrick was re-elected president of the Presbyterial. Miss Ruby Walker, regional worker, installed the officers, basing her remarks on the 15th Chapter of St. John's Gospel. ''Ye are my witnesses'' was the challenge. ''Remember,'' she said, ''God has walked with us every step of the way and He asks of us only according to our strength.''

MANITOBA

Mrs. James Gibb, 308 South Marks St.,
Fort William, Ont., Press Secretary

ON February 2nd a meeting of the Lakehead Executive of the Synodical Society was held at the home of Miss Jean Stevenson, Fort William. The devotions were conducted by Mrs. W. S. Nairn, president of Superior Presbyterial. A great deal of business was dealt with, including annual reports, but it was necessary to meet again on February 20th, at the home of Mrs. J. C. Dobie, Port Arthur, to finish the business before the Executive.

Superior Presbyterial—On February 16th twenty-six members of St. Andrew's Evening Guild, Fort William, were guests of the First Church Evening Guild of Port Arthur at a meeting held at the home of the president, Miss M. McCuaig. Mrs. J. Fraser and Mrs. A. A. Bott led in the devotional service. A letter was read from the congregational secretary concerning the two-bed ward in the new wing of the General Hospital, a war memorial to those of the congregation in the last war. A social hour was enjoyed.

HAMILTON AND LONDON

Mrs. C. H. McDougall, Box 395,
Strathroy, Press Secretary

THE annual meeting of the Synodical Society will be held in Chatham on May 11th, 12th and 13th. Billeting Secretary, Mrs. C. M. Anderson, 11 Elmwood Avenue.

Chatham—The Auxiliaries were well represented at the 34th annual Presbyterial meeting, held in First Church, Chatham. Mrs. W. E. Stauth of Windsor gave an interesting account of the formation of early groups. Miss Laura K. Pelton spoke at both sessions. Speaking of the Church's work in British Guiana, she said that if it was to advance there was need for a much more vigorous evangelistic programme, more modern equipment for missionaries, more training for missionaries on furlough, and more carefully trained candidates. In the evening she told of the International Missionary Conference at Whitby, at which 40 nations were represented.

Knox Church Auxiliary, Windsor, had a full attendance at luncheon meetings in January and February. At an open meeting of the Eleanor McKechnie Evening Auxiliary of St. Andrew's, Miss Beatrice Scott of India told of the splendid work being done among the Bhils. On their twentieth birthday the Sunshine Auxiliary, Leamington, had a quilting party and supper, with Mrs. James Reid, Honorary President and organizer, as their honoured guest.

The Mount Zion C.G.I.T. group, Ridgetown, won their chevrons for the splendid drive they organized to collect clothing and bedding for Europe; Evening Auxiliary members and others in the congregation helped them. To the Chatham senior Auxiliary Mrs. Scott Fulton described Dr. George Leslie Mackay's work in Formosa, where in thirty years he established sixty churches, each with a native pastor. On her birthday Valetta Auxiliary honoured Miss Maud Grant, now serving her twenty-fifth year as their secretary.

Hamilton—At the Presbyterial annual meeting, held in New Westminster Church, Hamilton, the reports showed increased interest, with the allocation exceeded. Mrs. A. R. McMurrich, first vice-president of our Women's Missionary Society, spoke of our work in Canada. Miss Grace Patterson, the sister of Mrs. Munro, Synodical President, told of the work of the National Christian Council in India, and of the healthy condition of the Church there. In his address the Moderator, the Rev. C. H. MacDonald, said, ''The greatest work the Women's Missionary Society can do is to send your sons and daughters to tell the story that passeth knowledge.'' He appealed for more prayer and a more vital interest, without criticism, in the cause of Christ.

Correction. In the February number (Hamilton news, page 85) Miss Jennie Kinnear, Synodical *Glad Tidings* Secretary, addressed the Dunnville Auxiliary, *not* Judge Kinnear.

Huron—The Presbyterial annual meeting was held in Clinton on January 13th. ''The New Year is the time for new beginnings. Let us all decide to make Bible reading a part of our daily living in 1948,'' urged the president, Mrs. Bisset. Reports were encouraging; both membership and givings had increased and work in both girls' and children's groups was encouraging. The increased allocation was gladly accepted. Mrs. Arnold of Hensall, the only remaining charter member, received greetings.

London — The Presbyterial annual meeting, in Elmwood Church, London, was characterized by splendid reports, increased attendance, membership and givings. The theme was ''Opportunities''. ''We cannot stand still; we must advance,'' stated Mrs. Davies in her presidential message. In the ''meditation'' Mrs. P. de Riuter said, ''Jesus asked two sons to go and work in His vineyard *to-day—not to-morrow*, but *to-day.* He asks the same of us. Are we going to go willingly, or refuse like the two sons? 'The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few.' '' Miss Frieda Matthews spoke of our national missions, and appealed for greater effort to send food and clothing to Europe.

At the February meeting of St. John's Auxiliary, Rodney, tribute was paid to the memory of Mrs. Duncan Graham and Mrs. J. B. Stinson, ''for many years loyal, faithful members of the Auxiliary, both life members of the Women's Missionary Society''.

TORONTO AND KINGSTON

Mrs. Eric Larsen, Box 262,
Markham, Press Secretary

THE Synodical annual meeting will be held in Collingwood on April 27, 28, 29. Delegates requiring billets are asked to communicate with the convener, Mrs. John Shipley, Collingwood, before April 12th.

The Synodical Society place on record a tribute to their late president, Mrs. W. M. Hall, whose sudden death occurred on February 6th: ''Her life was devoted to the service of her Church and the work of the Women's Missionary Society she loved so dearly. We thank God for the influence of her life, her qualities of heart and mind, her leadership and vision, her strong convictions and fearlessness and simple faith, all of which were of inestimable value in the missionary work with which she was identified. We share with her family in their sorrow but also rejoice with them in the sure and certain hope of resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ.''

Algoma — The Presbyterial annual meeting was held on January 28th in St. Paul's Church, Sault Ste. Marie, with Mrs. B. D. Graham presiding. Rev. R. Moynan conducted the opening devotional exercises. Mrs. Milligan of Wellington St. Baptist Church gave an interesting talk on Dr. Jessie Allyn's medical work in India. Mrs. Godfrey read the second chapter of her ''History of Algoma Presbyterial''. The treasurer reported that the allocation had been exceeded; the increased allocation was accepted. It was decided to send more than one delegate to the Synodical meeting, if possible.

Barrie—Mrs. G. D. Ralston, principal of the Missionary and Deaconess Training School, was the speaker at the Presbyterial executive's first meeting at Allandale. Three delegates to the Synodical meeting were chosen.

Kingston—The February meeting of St. Andrew's Auxiliary, Belleville, took the form of a pot-luck supper, with the C.G.I.T. group, the Joy Club and members' mothers, and the Home Helpers present. Joy Club members conducted the service of worship with Mrs. Brisbane presiding. Mrs. C. Baragar read an interesting letter from Mrs. James Dickson of Formosa, and the Rev. J. G. Hornsby spoke briefly of the opening of new work in Quebec and the expanding work among Hungarians newly arrived from Europe. The impressive service of affiliation followed.

In recognition of C.G.I.T. week, St. Andrew's Auxiliary, Kingston, entertained the Rainbow group, their mothers, and friends at a banquet. Valentine decorations made an attractive setting and flower place-card holders made by the girls were most effective. Mrs. C. A. Smart welcomed the guests and spoke briefly; Miss Agnes Gollan, president of the C.G.I.T., replied, and Mrs. Webb spoke on behalf of the mothers. A sing-song and a Bible quiz followed. Mrs. W. H. Penwarden urged the girls to take the suggested study, *Wings Over The World.* Lantern slides on the Bhil Field were shown, the Rev. A. M. Gordon giving the commentary. The benediction and taps concluded an enjoyable evening.

Orangeville — The Feversham Home Helpers pay tribute to the faithful service of one of their number, Mrs. Archie Campbell of Maxwell, who passed away on December 15, 1947. A much loved member of Burns Church, Feversham, Mrs. Campbell was made a life member of our Women's Missionary Society two years before.

Toronto — The 34th annual Presbyterial meeting was held in Cooke's Church, Mrs. A. S. Curr presiding. Reports showed an encouraging increase in missionary work. The treasurer reported an increase of $1,615.15 in givings. Mrs. J. G. Inkster brought greetings from the Council, and Mrs. Glen Thompson from the Synodical Board; the latter also paid tribute to Mrs. W. M. Hall. Rev. R. H. M. Kerr gave a stirring address on ''The Missionary Imperative'' on Thursday afternoon. In the evening the Agnes Johnston Auxiliary of Riverdale Church presented a pageant, ''Two Masters''. Miss Frieda Matthews reviewed reports and Miss Laura Pelton spoke on her recent visit to British Guiana.

MONTREAL AND OTTAWA

MRS. J. R. HILL, 250 COOPER STREET, OTTAWA, PRESS SECRETARY

THE annual meeting of the Synodical Society of Montreal and Ottawa will be held in the church of St. Andrew and St. Paul, Montreal, on April 20th and 21st. The Board will meet on Monday the 19th. The speakers will include Miss Isabel McConnell, on furlough from the Bhil field, India, Mrs. D. Strachan, and Miss Laura Pelton. Mrs. Harcourt Emra will preside.

Montreal—Miss M. A. Rowat presided at the 34th annual meeting of the Presbyterial held on February 2nd and 3rd. At the Young Women's rally on Monday evening in Melville Church, Westmount, an address by Mrs. Percy H. Roberts was much appreciated. The Tuesday meeting was held in Stanley Church. Mrs. A. M. Hill led in the service of worship, and the president gave an inspirational address. Fine reports were presented. The allocation had been oversubscribed. Mrs. W. E. Baker installed the officers — Miss Rowat was re-elected president. A period of prayer and meditation, led by Mrs. G. A. Grier and Miss Margaret McKinnon, preceded the evening session at which the guest speaker was the Rev. Michael Fesenko, minister of the Ukrainian Presbyterian Church, Toronto. This was largely a business meeting; an inspirational meeting will be held in April.

Ottawa—''In the beginning, God . . .'', the theme for the annual Presbyterial meeting, held in St. Andrew's Church, Ottawa, was the thought emphasized by Mrs. J. Logan-Vencta in her presidential address. Her radiant enthusiasm did much to make the meeting a success. Mrs. Harcourt Emra brought greetings from the Synodical Society, and Mrs. J. R. Hill spoke of the recent Diamond Jubilee. The services of worship were led by members of St. Andrew's, Ottawa, Kars, and Richmond Auxiliaries, and Erskine Evening Department. Wednesday evening was devoted to Young Women's work; and Miss Helen Scott gave an address on ''Our Task as Women'', pointing out that all must strive for a missionary Church rather than a missionary society merely. Miss Isabel Hill explained the aims of the Evening Department. Presbyterial and Auxiliary reports were all good. One secretary said that one year the membership of their Auxiliary dropped to two; but faith and perseverance had won out and they had celebrated their 60th anniversary! All were glad to hear Mrs. F. R. Duminy report that the allocation had been exceeded by $200.00. The new allocation of $4,650.00 was accepted, an increase of $650.00.

All listened with rapt attention as Miss Pelton gave her impressions of the work in British Guiana. In an impressive address at the evening session, she spoke of the challenge facing the Church to-day. In thanking Miss Pelton, Mrs. Thorburn paid tribute to her wonderful grasp of world events and her statesman-like way of presenting these. Through the Question Box, of which Mrs. J. R. Hill was in charge, many problems were cleared up. The Rev. J. M. Ritchie, Moderator, brought greetings from the Presbytery. Mrs. Logan-Vencta was re-elected president.

Treasurer's Statement

January and February, 1948

RECEIPTS

Miss E. Jean McPhail, Campbellville, "Miss Buchanan's Work"	$ 100.00
Mrs. Fletcher, Chatham, "Visual Aids for British Guiana"	100.00
Birtle Indian School, Government Grant	6,336.35
Cecilia Jeffrey Indian School, Government Grant	7,514.20
A Friend, "Bursaries for India"	300.00
Life Membership Pins	217.55
Miss Janet Morton, "Native Worker, India"	10.00
A Friend, "Missionary Books"	20.00
Missionary Golden Circle Girls' Group, Woodstock, N.B., "Miss MacMurchy's Work"	2.00
Jean MacDougall Young Women's Guild, Kerrisdale, B.C., "Miss Douglas' Work"	15.00
Synodical Societies:	
Manitoba	122.05
Montreal and Ottawa	860.00
Hamilton and London	1,000.00
	$16,597.15

DISBURSEMENTS

Weirdale	$ 121.00
Indian Schools:	
Mistawasis	120.00
Birtle	316.64
Birtle, Government Grant	4,395.89
Cecilia Jeffrey	324.98
Cecilia Jeffrey, Government Grant	6,287.72
Chinese in Canada	2,035.74
Deaconesses	2,297.26
Children's Centre, Vancouver	425.80
St. Margaret's Girls' Centre	588.60
Organization	1,449.98
Supplies	848.25
Miss Robson	50.00
Exchange	12.56
Publications	1,058.19
Administration	2,658.65
Deputation	84.23
Christian Literature	322.50
Missionaries' Expenses	1,509.33
British Guiana	1,923.75
India:	
Bhil Field	300.75
Jhansi Field	114.50
Formosa	600.00
Insurance	331.82
Miscellaneous from General Contingency	140.67
Missionaries' Personal Account	90.84
Port Work	75.00
	$28,484.65

RESERVE FUNDS

RECEIPTS

Peace Thanksgiving Fund—	
Mrs. Hardinge, Coe Hill, "In memory of Mrs. Murray Sharpe"	$ 50.00
Miss Pritchard, Wyman, Que.	5.00
Mrs. Geo. Crawford	2.50
A Sister in the Work	10.00
Interest	248.00
Pension Fund—	
Interest	488.75

Legacy Fund—	
Payment on Windermere Property	50.00
Estate of the late Mrs. W. G. Bronson, through St. Andrew's Aux., Ottawa, "Overseas Work"	2,000.00
Estate of John Cotsford, Victoria, B.C.	1,892.11
Estate of Miss Ida Wiswell, through St. Andrew's Aux., Victoria, B.C.	100.00
Interest	201.75
Sustaining Fund—	
Interest	190.00
Special Fund—	
Interest	43.75
	$5,281.86

DISBURSEMENTS

Legacy Fund—	
Ukrainian typewriter	84.75
	$84.75

(Mrs. Daniel) Helen M. Strachan, *Treasurer.*

New Organizations

Alberta

Calgary Presbyterial Society—Explorer Group, Pleasant Heights Church, Calgary. Leaders, Mrs. Skelling, 29B, No. 2 Wireless Hut; Miss Kiddle, 1614-20th Avenue N. W.

Saskatchewan

Moose Jaw Presbyterial Society—Canadian Girls in Training group, Swift Current. Leaders, Miss Evelyn Murdock, Miss Margaret Holmes, Mrs. Russel Short.

Toronto and Kingston

Kingston Presbyterial Society—Explorer Group, St. Andrew's Church, Gananoque. Leader, Mrs. Herbert Rogers, Box 23.

Orangeville Presbyterial Society—Explorer Group, Hillsburgh. Leader, Mrs. M. Nodwell.

Peterborough Presbyterial Society—Young Women's Auxiliary, Cobourg. Pres., Miss Ruth Campbell; Treas., Miss Helen Campbell; Sec., Miss Jean Jones, King Street West.

Toronto Presbyterial Society—Explorer Group, Melville Church, West Hill. Leaders, Miss Grace Ludkin; Mr. Smith.

Montreal and Ottawa

Quebec Presbyterial Society—Evening Associate Society, Sherbrooke. Pres., Miss Doreen Ross; Treas., Miss Rosabella Heath; Sec., Miss Agnes Reid, 136 Wellington St. N.

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Alberta.—Mrs. A. C. McArthur, 1337 14th Ave. W., Calgary.
British Columbia.—Miss C. Watson, 1123 Burnaby Street, Vancouver.
Manitoba.—Mrs. D. Duncan, 830 6th St., Brandon, Man.
Ontario.—Room 801, 100 Adelaide Street West, Toronto 1.
Quebec.—Miss Bessie Fraser, 3485 McTavish St., Montreal.
Saskatchewan.—Mrs. J. H. Cameron, 916 Spadina Cres., Saskatoon.

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Orders must be sent directly to the PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY, Room 800, 100 Adelaide St. W., Toronto 1

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OUR COMMISSION, In Canada and Overseas, with Programme Outlines and Services of Worship	$ .75

For Girls' Groups

WINGS OVER THE WORLD. By Margaret Webster. With Programme Outlines and Services of Worship	.65

For Children's Groups

MY STORY BOOK ABOUT THE BIBLE. By Mabel Niedermeyer (for Primary)	.75
AROUND THE WORLD WITH THE BIBLE. By Gertrude J. Rinden (for Juniors)	.75

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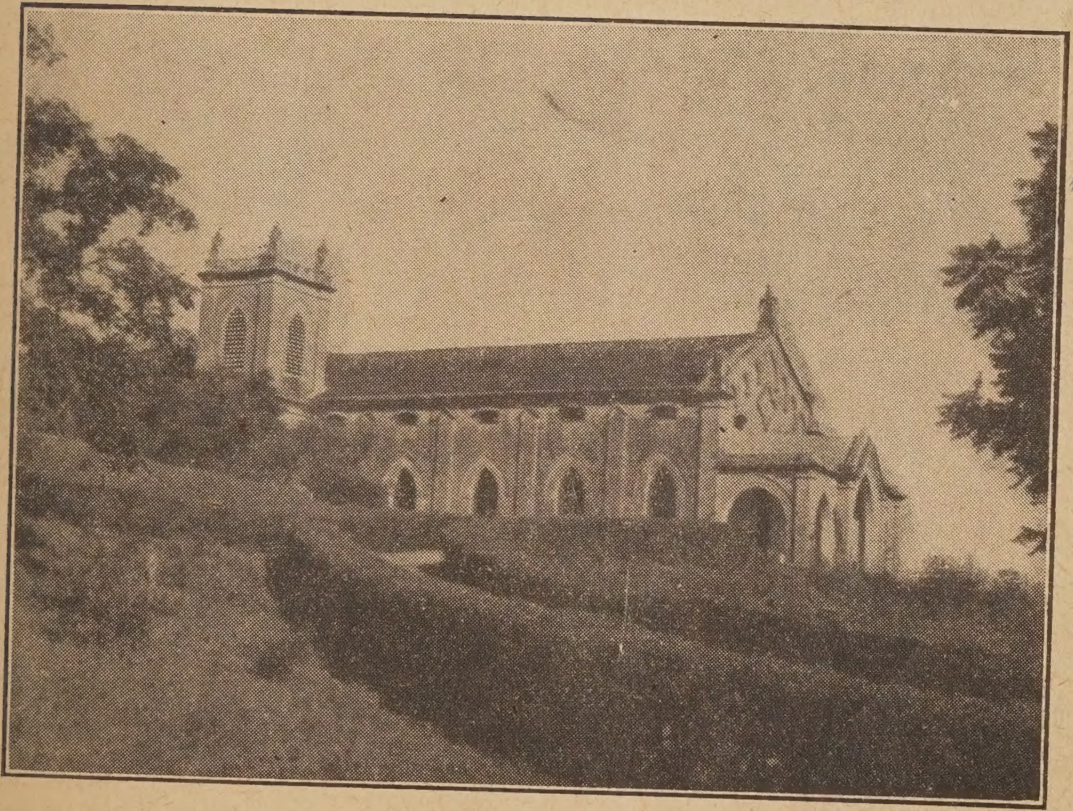

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EDITORIAL

The annual meeting of the Council of the Women's Missionary Society, Western Division, will be held in Olivet Presbyterian Church, Toronto, September 27th to October 1st.

Miss Laura K. Pelton and Miss Frieda Matthews represented our Women's Missionary Society at the 54th annual meeting of the Foreign Missions Conference of North America at Buck Hill Falls, Pennsylvania, in March.

In March Miss Margaret Webster attended a conference on the Life and Work of Women in the Church, as one of the four representatives of Canadian Churches appointed by the Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada. In all, forty women attended the conference, which was held at Seabury House, Greenwich, Connecticut; besides, twenty-five official representatives of women's organizations in North America, there were some from churches in other countries.

Transferred to New Field

In answer to a request from the Synod of British Columbia for a deaconess for the Kootenay area, Miss Marjorie MacKay, who has been working for a year and a half under the Presbytery of Victoria, has been appointed to work as a deaconess at large under the Presbytery of Kootenay. She began her new work early in April, and is now living at Kimberley.

New Appointments

Three of this year's graduates from the Missionary and Deaconess Training School have been appointed by our Women's Missionary Society to work in Canada. Miss Hilda Blackwell of Weyburn, who did very successful work in Montreal last summer under the Director of Immigration, the Rev. H. R. Pickup, has at the request of the Committee on Immigration been definitely appointed as port worker in Montreal. Miss Margaret Boyd of Victoria will serve as a deaconess under the Presbytery of Kamloops, beginning her work in the Penticton area. Miss Joyce Wooding, who for her third year's work took a course at the Institute of Child Study, goes for a year to Portage la Prairie, Manitoba, to open a nursery school in connection with First Presbyterian Church, of which the Rev. H. L. Henderson is minister.

Miss Winnifred Ripley of Armstrong, British Columbia, who has completed her second year at the Training School, has been appointed to work for the summer months in Saskatchewan under the Presbytery of Prince Albert, and Miss Agnes Hislop to work during the summer with Miss Ruby Walker, regional secretary for Manitoba and Saskatchewan.

March 3rd 1948 was a red-letter day on the Bhil Field in Central India, marking as it did the anniversary of the coming to Amkhut fifty years before of Dr. John Buchanan to begin Christian work among the Bhils. We are indebted to Miss Margaret Kennedy and to Mrs. C. P. Young for sending us their impressions of the Golden Jubilee services.

Canadian Church Relief Abroad

IN the first three months (January to March 31st, 1948) over 90 tons of used clothing had been received for Canadian Church Relief Abroad, and approximately 40 tons sent to Britain, continental Europe and Japan—15 tons to Britain, one to France, 14 to Germany, and 10½ to Japan.

The Presbyterian Committee reports the receipt of $5,627.58 up to the end of March. Of this amount, $1,150.00 was used for food sent to Britain, $1,050.000 for food for continental Europe, and $900 for operating costs—packing and transport to the seacoast, etc. At its meeting on March 29th, it recommended that $1,500 be sent to the Central Department for food for Britain and continental Europe, and $100 be used to purchase food for Holland, through CARE.

The Presbyterian Committee has been authorized to apply for six theological students of the Reformed Churches of Europe, to study at Knox College, Toronto, and the Presbyterian College, Montreal. This will not only help them in their hour of need, but "will do much to bring us closer to the brethren of the Faith in other countries."

Rev. J. W. MacNamara, D.D.

A Tribute

''The path of the just is as the shining light, that
shineth more and more unto the perfect day.''

FOR forty-seven years a minister in congregations of the Presbyterian Church, for twenty-three years Joint Clerk of the General Assembly and Secretary of the Board of Administration, Dr. MacNamara was well known throughout the Church and held in great respect and regard for his knowledge of church affairs. He was, as it were, a final authority on ecclesiastical procedure and church law, his advice about which was constantly sought and could always be relied upon. In the discharge of his onerous duties, Dr. MacNamara was tolerant, beneficent, fearless, scrupulously faithful, and true. He upheld all causes that were good and loyally laboured for the highest spiritual interest of the Church.

Our Women's Missionary Society and, more especially the Council Executive and its officers, will ever hold him in grateful memory for his service to them. He was kindly and gentle in his ways and possessed of a whimsical sense of humour. No inquiry was too trivial for his attention. With unrivalled patience and knowledge he would straighten out questions dealing with church records, transactions about property, and the history of past years, and was an outstanding example to all those who may have executive duties to perform. We are all the richer for the fellowship of such a colleague and the poorer for his passing.

The gates of heaven opened wide in welcome to John William MacNamara.

''So he passed over, and all the trumpets sounded for him on the other side.''

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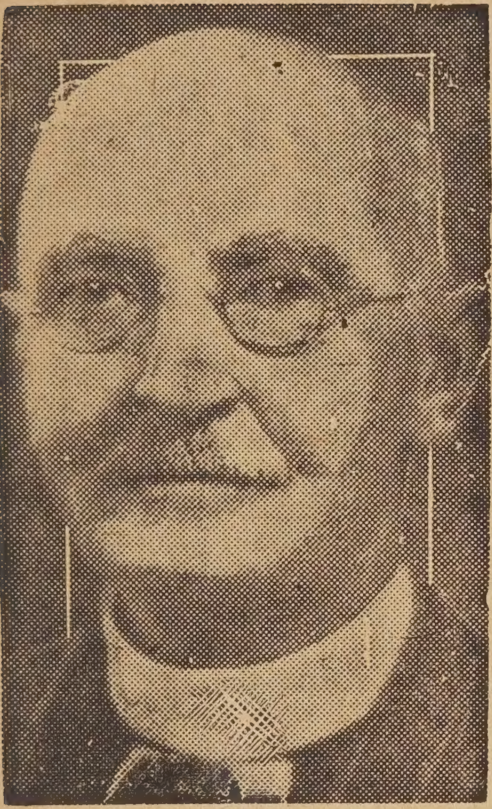
The Bhil Field's Golden Jubilee

Miss Margaret F. Kennedy of Jobat tells of the Jubilee services at Amkhut to mark the 50th anniversary of the coming of Dr. Buchanan to open work among the Bhils.

. . . We were having a picnic in the jungle, Miss MacMurchy, Miss Nichol, Mrs. Agar and little Ruth and Mary, and I, when we heard the sound of a car. As no car but a Mission car would be coming over the Amkhut road, we joined hands with the children and made a barrier over the grass-grown track to stop it. It was worth stopping, for soon we were greeting Dr. George Wilson of the Irish Presbyterian Mission, ex-Moderator of the United Church of Northern India, Rev. K. Y. Masih, our special *Mela* speaker and recently appointed Stated Clerk of the United Church of Northern India, Mrs. C. P. Young from Jhansi, and Miss Simpson, who was returning from Bombay. We were all on our way to Amkhut to celebrate the Golden Jubilee of our Mission and it was good to feel the infection of enthusiasm as we looked forward to the morrow.

The morrow came rather earlier than we expected, as the schoolboys in ''boarding'' were so anxious to have the celebrations start that they began to sing as soon as they awakened, with no small noise. It was only three a.m., but they had no clock and it just felt time to waken up on this March 3rd, 1948! However, we were all astir by 5.30 and waited for the sun to send out its first ray of light to show up the wooded hilltops, the stately palms, the heavy green banana trees. The light, however, revealed a new scene in the Amkhut valley this day. Down on the far side of the river stood a great circle of people, Bhil Christians, standing where the first missionary to the Bhils in this area camped 50 years ago. One can recognize people not only from Amkhut but also from Sardi, Mendha, Jobat, Alirajpur, Chicheniya, Barwani, Khalghat and Toranmal, and they are all here to give thanks that the light of God's Truth broke into the darkness of the Bhililand when Dr. Buchanan of the Canadian Presbyterian Mission arrived here half a century ago. At this sunrise service we looked back to the beginnings and we looked around at the manifest results and there was a feeling of eager expectation as we marched over the river and up the hill to where Dr. Buchanan's bungalow was built, and where it was fitting that his daughter, Miss Ruth Buchanan, who still serves the Bhils, should lead us in prayer. What might not God be enabled to accomplish this day and all the days ahead in the next fifty years!!

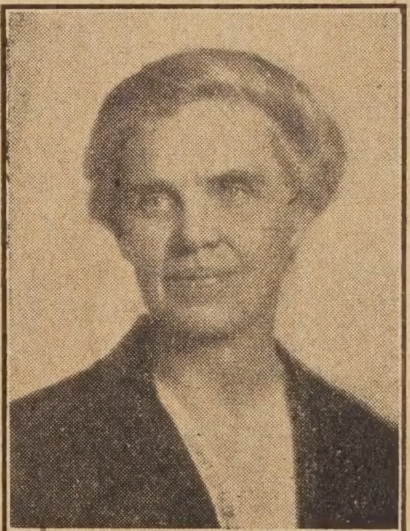
This feeling of expectancy was not lessened in the 9 a.m. service as the overflowing assembly gathered to give thanks and pay tribute to



Dr. John Buchanan

those Indians and Canadians who had helped build God's Kingdom in this jungle. Musa Padre, our foremost Bhil minister, presided with simple dignity and reverence, and he looked so well in his white trousers and long tight-fitting black coat. The main feature of this service was the unveiling of a tablet on the church wall in memory of Dr. and Mrs. Buchanan. The Rev. Mr. Wood explained the meaning of the tablet, showing how it was like, and yet unlike, the stones that the Bhils erect to remember their ancestors, but at which acts of worship are also carried out. When we look on this tablet, we will remember how two people were mightily used of God because they mightily gave of themselves. Guman Bhai, an old Bhil elder, quite a picture with his "bobbed" hair and a white *"dhoti"* swathed around his thin limbs, then stepped up to the curtain covering the tablet and drew it aside, while Mr. Knox read the inscription. "In loving memory . . ." of those who came when this spot was the top of only another hill—and now it is crowned with the House of God where in this moment's hush the atmosphere seems charged with the thoughts, the memories, the hopes of more than 300 men, women and children. "Hitherto hath the Lord led us," read Daniel padre, and he told of incidents he remembered during the time of leading. But the future, what of the future? Can we go up now and possess all the land? asked Mr. Toombs in a ringing tone. Surely with all these fulfilments and yet more promises before us, we can go forward and accomplish much.

The inspiration of the day is only half told, for in the afternoon we are assembled again for a Service of Consecration. We are called upon to consecrate ourselves as members of the Living Body of Christ, the



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Church, and we are reminded of the oneness and universality of that Church, as greetings are read from the Moderator of The Presbyterian Church in Canada, and from the Methodist Church of South Asia, and as greetings are spoken by representatives of the Irish Presbyterian Mission, of the Indian Church founded by that Mission, of the United Church of Canada Mission, of the United Church of Northern India, and of our sister Church in Jhansi. Do we know ourselves as those bought by God Himself, saved from the slavery of this world to carry out God's own plans in this world, asked Rev. Kenneth Y. Masih. Great need there is for us to consecrate and reconsecrate ourselves if we would take up the heritage that is ours.

One more vivid scene was portrayed before this day of Jubilee was over. It is dark now, moonless, but the stars are out in all their brilliance. The white archways of the church, the Sahib's bungalow and the Miss Sahibs' bungalow show up faintly on their respective slope-tops, but the attention of all is drawn toward the big stretch of open ground between. Two fires are lit and between them is the ''stage'' where the young people of the Bhil Christian community are going to enact their part of the programme, in ''The Next 50 Years''. Representatives of all the stations, Jobat, Alirajpur, Mendha, etc., attempt to show in some way, by singing, dialogue, drama, that they are ready to do their part, and, this being the Bhil country, humour is given its place, too, in the programme.

Anyone watching from the darkness of a hilltop would have seen the fires glowing beneath and the stars shining above, then about 9 p.m., might well have wondered what was happening, for points of light appeared here and there, multiplied, and spread until one small area seemed to rival even the spangled heavens. The Moderator of this our Vindhiya and Satpura Bhil Mountain Presbytery had lighted a candle; then the padres lit their candles from it; the elders followed suit; then the people—men, women and children—until a sea of light showed up the faces of all as they sang. Some of us went up to the bungalow verandah, so that we could watch as the light divided up into rivers and streamlets, following the paths homeward. The darkness had been lightened and the enlightened ones went out into further darknesses, carrying their light with them.

Nineteen families, mostly from Jobat, ''went home'' that night to sleep in the grass huts specially made for them on the Amkhut compound. Next morning a few children were left playing around these huts and guarding their still younger brothers and sisters, while the grown-ups attended the first regular *Mela* meeting. In his usual inspiring way, Mr. Wood was teaching us some of the great truths of our faith when there was a great cry from the back of the church and everyone began to run out. I didn't know what had happened but, once outside, it was all too evident, as great swirls of smoke rose from down near the river. The grass huts were on fire! Miss Rollo and I began to run, too, but so fast did the fire spread that by the time we arrived at the foot of the hill not a roof nor a wall was left standing. It was soon evident that by a miracle no child had been trapped, and some of the children had had the presence of mind to pull out a few pieces of bedding and some boxes before it was too late; but a few families lost everything they had with them. Each family had brought their own food and almost none of this was saved, but there was really very little bewailing; only a few mothers were crying—with relief at finding their little ones safe. One young woman, Rukma bai, who with her family, would like to be baptized, had come over to the *Mela* for the first time and had left her five-weeks-old baby in the hut in the care of an eight-year-old sister. It appeared that Musa padre was quite near by when the fire took hold and as he ran he saw the infant and got it out just as the rope cradle-like affair was about to burn. It was most moving the next day in the meeting when Rukma bai walked half way up the aisle, the little girl in front of her carrying the baby, and there stood and, in a few broken Hindi phrases, gave thanks to God for saving her child.

When the fire had burned itself out, Mr. Toombs gave the call for all to gather together to give thanks to God that no one had been burned. Then when the count was taken, it became known that sixty-nine persons would have to be fed until the end of the *Mela.* A temporary arrangement was made for food, but there was the matter of places to sleep, and blankets, too, would be needed. The Rev. Kenneth Masih, our afternoon speaker, suggested that his meeting be cancelled to give the people time to settle down. Mr. Wood went around to tell the people this, and came back to tell us that the suggestion had not been accepted—they had come here for *Mela,* they said, so the meetings should go on, fire or no fire!

Later it was announced that the next morning a table would be put in the church and those who had not suffered might bring what they wished to give to those in need. Ours is a poor community and you would wonder if they would have much to spare, but I wish you could have seen that table and the floor around it the next day! There were *saris,* blankets, frocks, shirts, cloth, etc., and bags of grain and money or promises of money, for over Rs. 230. It surely brought the tears to one's eyes. Two little sisters went up and put on the table their new best dresses that their mother had made for *Mela* time. One orphan boy who had worked in the holidays and apparently had managed to get a coat made for himself (all his other clothes came from the Mission) put his coat on the table. One padre and his brother promised that they would feed the sixty-nine people at Sunday noon. It was all so spontaneous and I'm sure the people received a great blessing from their giving.

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A week before the Jubilee, Miss Kennedy wrote:

. . . Fifty years ago Dr. Buchanan arrived in Amkhut on horseback and put his tent on a knoll. . . . Fifty years back, one missionary and a tent, not a Christian, a school, hospital or anything, just wild Bhils—and now look at the grandchildren of those Bhils! . . . At night the young men are to be in charge of a camp-fire meeting, so that they may realize that now they have to take up the burden and the work.

Mrs. Young Goes Back to Amkhut for the Jubilee

Mrs. Young of Jhansi, who with her husband, the Rev. C. P. Young, spent many years on the Bhil field, gives us her impressions of the Jubilee celebrations (March 23)

ON the 3rd of March it was my privilege to attend the Golden Jubilee at Amkhut. . . . Fifty years ago Dr. Buchanan, accompanied by one servant, arrived in the village of Amkhut and decided to make that beautiful jungle village the centre of work among the Bhils. At first the people were afraid and hid in the jungle, but after a few days the Doctor, in his own lovable way, made friends with a boy. This boy brought grass for the horses and was at once paid in copper coins, the only money the jungle folk trusted. When the Bhils heard that the strangers had actually paid for a service they grew braver and began to visit the camp. The years rolled away. Dr. and Mrs. Buchanan were joined by other workers at different times. Stations were opened at Sardi, Mendha, Jobat, Ali-Rajpur, Barwani and other places. Many Bhils heard the Gospel story and became followers of our Lord. Schools were started, teachers and preachers trained, and a hospital was opened at Jobat, where nurses and other workers learned to care for the sick. In this way the work grew.

The Golden Jubilee services filled the Amkhut church to overflowing with people from all the different stations, gathered together to witness the unveiling of a tablet to the memory of Dr. and Mrs. Buchanan and to pay tribute to those others who came later to join in the work, several of whom are laid to rest in that lovely jungle land.

In memory one could picture Mrs. Buchanan sitting on the verandah steps telling once more the story of salvation and pointing out the Way. One could picture Dr. Buchanan seated on his horse, with his much worn Bible in one pocket and some *gram* and peanuts in another, ready for a full day's work among the Bhils of some distant village.

Many of the people present knew and loved these pioneer missionaries as their own; some were children of the first converts, long since gone to their reward; a few were converts from peoples other than Bhils, and some were from lands beyond the seas. Miss Ruth Buchanan, a worthy daughter of those early pioneers, still carrying on the work started by her father and mother, living close to the jungle people, understanding them as few ''foreigners'' can, was there to take part in the day's services.

A sunrise service began shortly after 6 a.m. with a procession of the pioneers along the path travelled so long ago by Dr. Buchanan and his servant. At nine came a service in the church when the congregation flowed over to the verandahs and into adjoining rooms. At this service the memorial stone, set in the wall of the church, was unveiled by Guman, the senior Elder of the Amkhut congregation, and the inscription read. At the afternoon service messages were brought from sister Churches. At 7.30 in the evening everyone gathered outside under the starry-bright sky. This service was conducted by the young people. With huge bonfires lighting the darkness, each congregation took some part. By means of short plays we were shown the past, the present and the future. Then followed the candle-light service. A large red candle placed in the centre of a table was lighted by the Moderator of Presbytery, Mr. Toombs. Each ordained man was given a large white candle, which was lighted from the centre candle. The ordained men in turn gave candles to the Elders and lighted them, while the Elders gave to the congregation. When all the candles were lighted it was a sight worth seeing, and one that will be remembered by those present as long as life lasts. After the benediction the people circled around the Compound and on to their homes or temporary shelters, their lights burning and giving promise that they would do all possible to bring Jesus, the Light of the World, into the lives of their friends and neighbours.

— The March winds have blown most of the old leaves from the trees, covering the ground with a thick, rustling carpet. The new leaves are making a brave attempt to cover the branches and to give much needed shade. Every year we see this miracle performed: the old leaves pushed off by the new ones just at a time when the days are beginning to get hot and the shade is appreciated most. With the grass burned to a khaki shade, the crops harvested, leaving the yellow stubble in the fields, the fresh green shades of the leaves stand out in all their beauty. This is the time, too, for many trees to flower. The *Dhak* or Flame of the Forest is not a beautiful tree, being usually twisted and gnarled with large, insect-eaten leaves, but in February and March it is covered with the beautiful flame-coloured flowers from which it gets its name.

March this year brings Easter with a four-day holiday. The children are counting the days and wondering just which train Father or Mother will come on and just how soon they will be able to get home. There is much conjecturing as to how much little brothers and sisters may have grown during their absence. And they are looking forward to the cakes and candy they seem sure will be theirs. We hope their hopes will be fulfilled. We wonder just what the months in school have meant to them and just how much benefit they may have derived from being here. Will they be able to help their parents and others to a fuller and better knowledge of what it means to be a Christian or will they fall back into the old ways of living followed by so many who are nominal Christians only? The greatest contribution any school can make is to have the children so taught that when they go to their homes the other members of their families may learn the deeper truths of Christianity from them. Academically, the standard of our school is high but, better than that, the members of the staff are interested in the spiritual welfare of the children, helping them at all times to live true Christian lives.

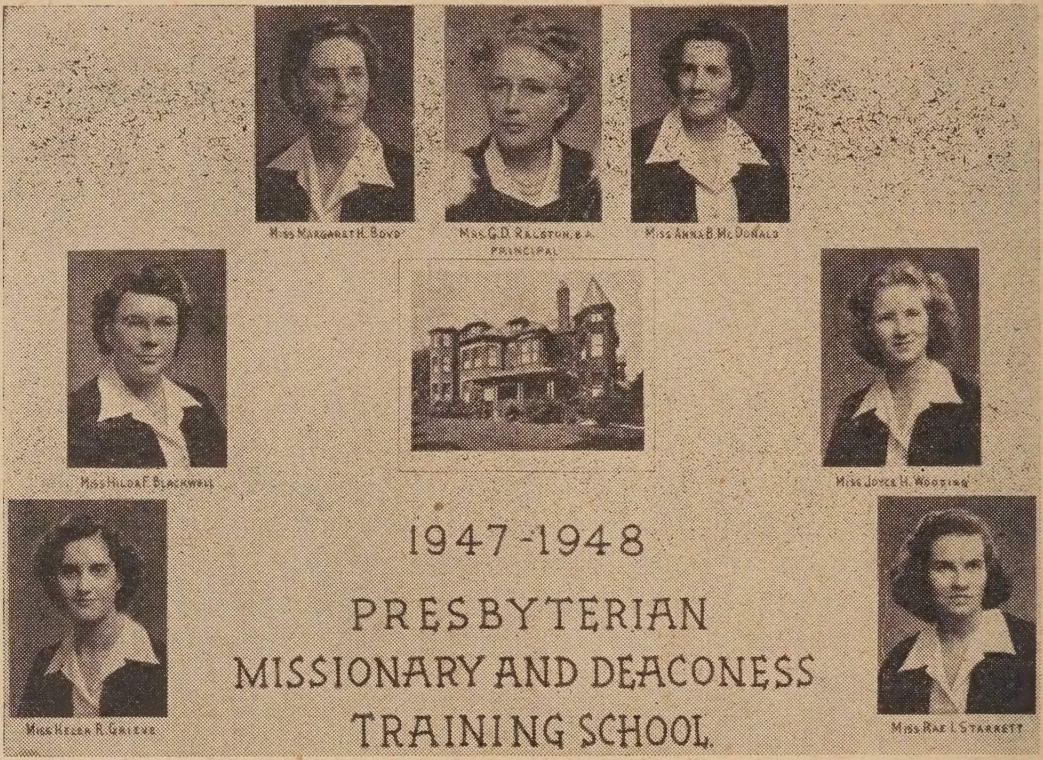
In about five weeks' time we shall be getting off to the hills. I have arranged to go to Bangalore this year. It is a long journey, but it is very difficult this year to find a place to stay. Kashmir is out of the question and many people who went there regularly have had to find places elsewhere.

Graduation Service
Missionary and Deaconess Training School

THE graduation service of the Missionary and Deaconess Training School was held in Knox College Chapel on Friday evening, April 2nd. The Rev. Joseph Wasson, D.D., was in the chair and the Rev. Professor D. W. Hay of Knox College conducted the devotional exercises, the choir of Victoria Church leading in the service of praise.

The 1947-8 session had been a very successful one, Dr. Wasson said. The economy and efficiency that marked the year in the school was due, he said, to the efficiency of the Principal, Mrs. Ralston. To all who had contributed to the success of the work he expressed the sincere thanks of the Training School Board—especially to the Principal and Professors of Knox College, who in spite of their own heavy work had lectured to the girls, to the Board of Knox College for granting the use of a lecture-room, and to ministers and representatives of other Boards who had been instructors.

The Rev. D. W. Oswald, Secretary of the Training School Board, was in charge of the presentation of certificates and awards. For the leadership training course — children's work, girls' work, and mission study, given by Miss Macarthur, Miss Webster and Dr. Cameron—certificates were presented by the Rev. E. A. Thomson to the members of the three classes and Miss Gladys Dickson, a special student. The Rev. Donald MacMillan presented general proficiency awards to the students with the highest standing: Miss Agnes Hislop, first year, Miss Helen Rose (in absentia), second year, and Miss Margaret Boyd, third year. Miss Hislop also won the Alumnae scholarship, which she received from Miss Mabel Booth, president of the Deaconess Alumnae Association. To those who stood second in their classes Miss Reith presented prizes—Miss Charlotte Farris, and Miss Hilda Blackwell and Miss Rae Starrett (equal). From Dr. Cameron the first and second year students received their certificates: (first year) Miss Charlotte Farris, Glencoe, Ontario; Miss Ella Forsyth, Port Arthur; Miss Ann Bain, Peterborough; Miss Agnes Hislop, Meath Park, Saskatchewan; (second year) Miss Helen Rose, Truro, (in absentia); Miss Winnifred Ripley, Armstrong, British Columbia; Miss Dolena Talbot, Prince Albert. Mrs. Ralston presented the diplomas to the members of the graduating class—Miss Hilda Blackwell of Weyburn, Miss Margaret Boyd, Victoria, Miss Helen Grieve, Guelph, Miss Anna McDonald, Ailsa Craig, Miss Rae Starrett, Toronto, and Miss Joyce Wooding, St. Catharines; and a certificate for special work to Miss Gladys Dickson, B.A., of Winnipeg, a graduate of the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University of Manitoba who expected to return with a view to working among young people. Of the graduates three had been appointed to work under our Women's Missionary Society, (see page 177) Miss Starrett was appointed by the General Board of Missions to work under the Presbytery of Red Deer, where she served last summer; and Miss Grieve was to work as a congregational deaconess in Galt.

Dr. Robert Lennox of the Presbyterian College, Montreal, addressed the new graduates. The work of the Christian Church, he reminded them, had not been carried on exclusively by the men who had been called to the ministry. From the very beginning consecrated women had been at work in the Church—In *Romans* 16 Paul mentions several, among them Phebe, Mary, Tryphena, Tryphosa, and Julia. In Old Testament times, too, women had played a significant rôle, some as prophetesses. The prophets and prophetesses, he said, were those ''who spoke to men for God''—giving the message they had received from Him. ''You and I, too, are speakers for God, interpreters of God. And to be that means first to hear God speak.'' Those who would tell the good news about God and His purpose for man must hear God Himself speak to them as He spoke to those men and women in the past. . . . ''No amount of hearsay will take the place of that personal word.'' Evangelism—the proclamation of the Gospel—is always the task of the Church, a task ''that must engage the energies of all within the Church''.

Foreign Missions Conference of North America — 1948

BY MISS FRIEDA MATTHEWS

TO write one's impressions of a conference is indeed a difficult task. So much could be written of the beautiful setting, and of those who had a share in the programme, but the impression staying with one is the glimpse one had of the churches of North America at work in the world. The privilege of attending the sessions of the Foreign Missions Conference may be likened to a journey to the top of a very high hill. From the great height one beholds a view which is breath-taking and awesome.

The chairman, Dr. Diffendorfer, was an inspiration to all who attended, as he guided the discussions and made comments from his own experience in missionary activities and his wise understanding of the problems confronting the churches to-day. Many others, including Dr. F. F. Goodsell, Dr. Stanley Rycroft, and Dr. Emory Ross, gave valuable assistance in the discussion periods.

Each delegate was given a copy of reports and findings previously prepared by the committees of the conference. As the secretaries of these committees presented the reports from the various mission areas, there came again and again the feeling of the importance and vastness of the task before us as members of the Christian Church. The reports on missions to Latin America, Africa, Europe, the Near East, India and Pakistan, South-East Asia, the Pacific Islands, China, Korea, Japan, showed the needs, and some of the ways of approach to the problems confronting the Mission Boards interested in these areas. We realized we were hearing not of a North American enterprise but of North America's share in a world enterprise.

Over and over again it was stressed that we must reach into ''all of the life'' of the people amongst whom our missions are set—ministering to rural peoples through a comprehensive and integrated rural programme, continuing to develop an effective programme of ministry and evangelism among the people in the industrial and metropolitan areas, through the ministry of healing helping to alleviate some of the suffering and diseases, assisting in the setting up of effective health programmes, and in all places and at all times witnessing by word and deed to the message and love of Jesus Christ.

The need appalled us, for in all reports we heard of missionaries overburdened, working long hours, overawed with their task—and of tremendous opportunities for advance.

What of the future? The call is for thousands of consecrated, well-trained young women and young men from North America who will use their abilities in the work of building the Kingdom. The extension and expansion of the work will require heavier expenditures than there have been in the past, so the need is for larger contributions. One missionary in speaking to a report said, ''Our chief ailment is that we as members of the Christian Church are not doing enough, not giving enough, not praying enough.''

The tentative programme for the Foreign Mission Assembly to be held at Columbus, Ohio, in October was presented. This Assembly, of 3,500 leaders from the churches throughout North America, ''will assess the missionary programme in terms of the obligation of church members to respond'' to the need of the churches overseas. Following the Columbus Assembly regional meetings will be held in large centres across the continent (four to be held in Canada) when the missions Advance programme will be stressed.

The theme of the Foreign Missions Conference, ''One World in Christ'', comes to our minds often in these perplexing days. As we turn from the experiences of this inspiring conference to the immediate concerns of our missionary work the prayer in our hearts is that God will help us to move forward into greater service and that we shall be made able for this work to which we have dedicated our lives.

Prayer

To be used in prospect of the meeting of the World Council of Churches at Amsterdam, August 22nd.

A call to prayer has been sent out (from Geneva) to the member Churches of the World Council of Churches, calling all Christians ''to earnest and constant prayer for the first Assembly, and suggests that prayer should be especially offered on Whit Sunday, with its special associations for the unity and revitalization of the Church''.

O God, Who to an expectant and united Church granted at Pentecost the gift of the Holy Spirit, bless, we beseech Thee, the preparations now being made for the first Assembly of the World Council of Churches, that through the power of the same Spirit those who meet there may attempt great things for Thee, and reveal to the world the unity of the One Church of Christ, which is the very Body of Thy Son.

Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Miss Mary Nichol, Jobat

Miss Mary E. Nichol

Miss Mary E. Nichol, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Nichol of Smith's Falls, Ontario, is a graduate of the training school of the Royal Victoria Hospital in Barrie, and also of the Toronto Bible College. Appointed to missionary service in the Bhil Field, India, under the Woman's Missionary Society, Eastern Division, Miss Nichol was designated as a missionary of The Presbyterian Church in Canada at a service held in Westminster Church, Smith's Falls on July 4th, 1947, under the auspices of the Presbytery of Lanark and Renfrew.

Miss Mary Nichol writes from Jobat (January 22nd):

— . . . From early childhood I had planned to come to India. Perhaps this desire resulted from contact with missionaries from India. Dr. Margaret O'Hara, who was a member of our congregation in Smith's Falls, had served for many years in India, and she influenced me a great deal in my early years. Then during my High School years . . . Mr. Miller came to our church as minister. He, too, had been in India for a time, and so again the needs of India were set before me.

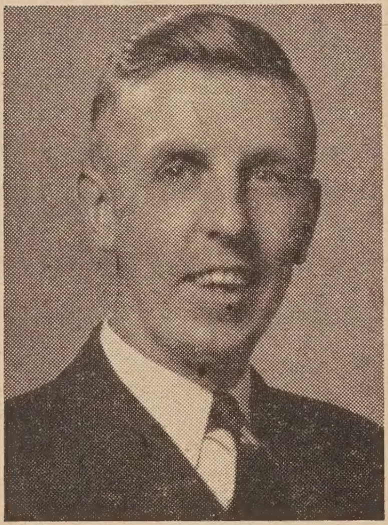
After six years' training—three years at the Toronto Bible College and three years at a hospital training school—and a year at home, I am here in this beautiful Bhil jungle. . . .

Since my arrival I have been impressed with the number of Christians here, with their sincerity and their knowledge of the Bible. . . . The missionaries through the years have insisted on thorough Bible study, and the results are very noticeable to a newcomer. The enthusiasm with which the Indians conduct their Sunday services is most refreshing.

. . . But from my window I can see a winding, dusty road, along which passes what seems like a never-ending stream of people. Some are carrying heavy loads of wood on their heads, some loads of hay, some balancing large water-pots, and still others with baskets of grain. Frequently an oxcart makes its way slowly up the hill. As I look at these people, I wonder how many of them have heard of Jesus. Surely these needy ones belong to the "other sheep" of which He said: "Other sheep I have which are not of this fold: them also I must bring and they shall hear my voice, and there shall be one fold and one shepherd!"

Rev. D. J. Firth and Mrs. Firth, British Guiana

The Rev. Daniel J. and Mrs. Firth of Red Deer, Alberta, arrived on December 3rd, 1947, in British Guiana, where Mr. Firth is principal of the Corentyne High School. Appointed by the General Board of Missions to work on that field, Mr. Firth was designated as a missionary of our Church by the Presbytery of Red Deer at a service held on October 8th, 1947, in the Red Deer church, of which he had been minister. Born at Durham, Ontario, Mr. Firth is a graduate of the Stratford Normal School, of the University of Toronto (in arts), and of Knox College. Mrs. Firth graduated in Household Economics at the University of Toronto, then took a year's post-graduate work at the Toronto General Hospital, and during the war she served for nearly two years in the Women's Division of the R.C.A.F. They have two children.



Rev. D. J. Firth, B.A.

Mrs. Firth, B.A.

Rev. J. C. Eldon Andrews and Mrs. Andrews, Kunming, China

The Rev. J. C. Eldon and Mrs. Andrews are now at work in Kunming, Yunnan. A graduate in Arts of McGill University and in Theology of the Presbyterian College in Montreal, Mr. Andrews, whose home was at Bell's Corners, Ontario, served for a time as minister at Grande Prairie in the Peace River district, before being accepted by the General Board of Missions for service in China. Mrs. Andrews, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Harris of Winnipeg, graduated from the University

Notes from the Board of Missions Meeting

ON Tuesday evening March 16th when the General Board of Missions convened for its annual meeting, the members paused, before beginning the business for which they had come together, to do honour to the memory of their late Chairman, the Very Rev. Robert Johnston, D.D., whose death occurred shortly after the Executive meeting in September. The secretary, Dr. W. A. Cameron, read the resolution in which the sub-executives had paid tribute to his life and work. Then the Rev. Dr. Frank Baird, who had known Dr. Johnston since his arrival in Canada and had worked with him in the Maritimes and on the General Board of Missions, conducted a memorial service. Reviewing his work for the Church since he came to Canada in 1904, Dr. Baird recalled his devoted service to the congregations to which he ministered, to the Church at large and to its missionary work, as a member, and for the last four years Chairman, of the General Board of Missions.

Dr. J. M. Macgillivray of Sarnia was named acting Chairman.

On Wednesday evening the Moderator, the Right Rev. C. H. MacDonald, was present and spoke briefly of some impressions he had received as he visited the Church in all parts of Canada. His journey had been a great inspiration to him, he said. He had been particularly impressed by the fine work being done by young graduates—and by some newer churches that ''were giving of themselves and their means in a way that would put some older congregations to shame''. What he had seen had made him very optimistic—he saw a great future for the Church in Canada.

Missionaries at home were presented to the Board by Dr. Cameron —the Rev. Joseph Muchan of Jhansi, India, at home on furlough, Mrs. Angus MacKay of Jhansi, and the Rev. Allan Reoch and Mrs. Reoch. Mr. Muchan had been doing deputation work in western and central Canada and was about to go to the Maritimes. In the early autumn he expected to return to his work at Jhansi. Mrs. MacKay brought greetings from the Jhansi missionaries. ''Doors are wide open in India to-day,'' she said, ''and missionaries are taking advantage of their opportunities.'' She had come home unexpectedly, Dr. Quinn having advised bringing Donald to Toronto for treatment.

Since Mr. Reoch's return to Canada in the latter part of 1947, after two years in northern China working with the Canadian Aid to China Committee, he had been doing deputation work, and had also taken a business course. On April 10th he was expecting to sail from

San Francisco; on the invitation of the Advisory Committee of Church World Service (of American Churches) he was going back to China to work for them. (Mrs. Reoch and John are remaining in Toronto.) Always when doing relief work, Mr. Reoch said, workers were also presenting the Gospel message.

Two young men who are going out as overseas missionaries were introduced to the Board by Dr. Cameron: the Rev. Gordon Faraday, who has been acting Secretary of Missionary Education since the beginning of the year, and the Rev. Thomas R. Maxwell, who was leaving in April for British Guiana. Also presented was Mr. Louis deGroot, one of this year's graduates from Knox College who had been accepted for overseas service, and the Rev. Russell Self, a candidate for overseas service.

The Rev. Wilfred C. Smith, who has been doing post-graduate work at Princeton, plans to leave for India again in the early summer. On the way Mr. Smith, who is regarded, Dr. Cameron said, as one of the foremost men in Moslem work, hopes to visit several Moslem countries, the Rockefeller Foundation having agreed to finance his trip so that he might visit almost all Moslem centres in the Near East. (It will be remembered that Mr. Smith's work among Moslems in North India is supported by the Anglican, Baptist, Presbyterian, and United Churches, his salary being paid by our Church, to which he belongs.)

In 1947, Dr. Cameron reported, the Canadian Churches gave $13,184 to *Orphaned Missions*—of this amount our Women's Missionary Society gave $2,000. (Since 1940 our Church had given $46,000.) The major part of the Canadian contribution had gone towards the work of the Paris Evangelical Mission, which, because of the currency situation and inflation, cannot yet carry on without assistance. It was agreed that the General Assembly should be asked to authorize another appeal on behalf of Orphaned Missions.

Reporting on the work of the Woman's Missionary Society, Eastern Division, the president, Mrs. Alex. Macdonald, said there had been more mission study among their members, and a marked increase in the use of serious missionary books. Assistance is given to the work of the Church at home through deaconesses and port workers, by giving bursaries for students and grants to institutions. There are now three overseas missionaries—Miss Sara Cameron in British Guiana, Miss Ethel MacDonald going to that field early in April, and Miss Mary Nichol at Jobat, India. The Society also supports two deaconesses in British Guiana, gives grants to other overseas work, and continues to give a grant to the Santo Training School in the New Hebrides, thus maintaining contact with the first Canadian Presbyterian overseas mission field.

The Visual Education Committee, whose report was presented by the Rev. E. A. Thomson, saw a great increase in the use of lantern slide sets and moving picture films during 1947, with a total of 981 showings, 435 more than in 1946. Two new standard sets were prepared, *South of the Clouds,* with pictures of Yunnan, China, and *This is The Land—Formosa,* with kodachrome slides of our Church's re-entry into Formosa. Five new sets of small slides (2″ x 2″) were issued, and proved very popular: *War-Time Evangelism in China; News and Views of Jhansi, India; Open Doors in Formosa; The Light Shines in Formosa;* and *A Trip to British Guiana.* In addition, two sets were revised—*The Moderator Visits British Guiana* and *Victory Seeds in China.* In the moving picture field, two new missionary films of our work were produced—*The Church Marches On,* showing the spread of the Gospel among the hill tribes of Formosa (taken by the Rev. James Dickson); and *India—Land of Contrasts,* showing the beauty and the poverty and need of India (taken by the Rev. J. Muchan). This year a slide set on the life of David Livingstone is being prepared, to be used with the book, *Livingstone the Pathfinder* by Basil Mathews.

During 1947, the Rev. H. R. Pickup reported for the Immigration Committee, 64,127 people came to make new homes in Canada—35,957 from Great Britain, 9,440 from the United States, and 16,447 from Continental Europe, including 7,345 displaced persons. On arrival at the ports, newcomers from overseas who intend to settle in Canada are welcomed by representatives of our Church and given advice and guidance, when desired. During the summer months Miss Hilda Blackwell served as port worker and office secretary at Montreal (her salary being paid by our Society). At Halifax, Miss Lena Fraser, the faithful port worker of the Woman's Missionary Society, Eastern Division, was ready with a welcome, and gifts, for newcomers; she was assisted by Miss Bessie Halliwell and, latterly, by Miss Jessie Dawson. An endeavour is made, too, to have all Presbyterian immigrants received at their destination; names are sent to the ministers of the nearest churches, and, in the case of women and children, to the Welcome and Welfare Secretary of the Missionary societies, and the new arrivals are visited and welcomed to the community and the Church. A letter of welcome is also sent by the Director on behalf of the Committee—in English, and in Dutch for those who come from the Netherlands. The arrival of many displaced persons has presented difficulties. They are met at Halifax and at Montreal, when possible, but as very few of them speak English, it is more difficult for port workers and visitors to be of service to them. The Committee suggested that a letter of welcome be prepared in several languages for these refugees—and the Board expressed approval of this suggestion.

Definite progress in the Synod of the Maritime Provinces was reported by Dr. A. D. MacKinnon. The work in Newfoundland, Cape Breton, and Prince Edward Island was encouraging. Last summer every church in Cape Breton was supplied; in Prince Edward Island only one student was required, less was being asked in grants, and 97 per cent. of their budget allocation was raised. Elsewhere the work was suffering because of the lack of men. In Pictou two augmented charges were now self-sustaining. All student missionaries had given excellent service, as had deaconesses of the Woman's Missionary Society, Eastern Division, who kept fields open that would otherwise have been closed. The Church was greatly indebted to Dr. Baird for his work in the Presbyteries of St. John and Miramichi.

Speaking for the Synod of Montreal and Ottawa, the Rev. H. Cousens presented the needs of Quebec, especially of the Presbytery of Quebec, which was asking for a missionary to serve a number of charges. Good work was being done at Val d'Or in northern Quebec, where the Rev. W. E. Black is missionary. Recently a site was bought for a church building and the congregation hope soon to have a church. Dr. A. S. Reid called attention to the need for expansion of missionary work in the Synod, especially in the Montreal district, where new areas were being developed and others were growing rapidly, and in industrial centres elsewhere. (A number of appointments were made by the Board that will go far to provide for the needs of the province.)

In Western Synods, too, there was need for expansion—and for reestablishing work in some areas. In Saskatchewan the report showed greater interest and increased givings; almost all mission fields were supplied in the summer; the Saskatoon Residence was filled with Presbyterian students, five of them studying for the ministry; encouraging work was being done among young people—in this work the Saskatoon Summer School and the two camps, Christopher Lake and Buena Vista, had an important place. Altogether, the Rev. John Brent said, there was a feeling of hopefulness for the future—but there are large areas still untouched by our Church. With recent developments in Alberta, oil at Leduc and a large refinery outside of Edmonton, resulting in an increase in population of that city and consequent growth of the work of the churches, and the land development scheme in the Peace River district, there was need to extend the Church's work, and strengthen, or re-establish, work in some areas, said the Rev. J. Herbison. Ministers of Red Deer Presbytery were reaching out beyond their own fields to do extension work. Four points in the Rocky Mountain House district were ready to be opened. The whole Synod was calling for men. The great increase of population in British Columbia was a real challenge to the Church to extend its missionary work, the Rev. J. W. L. McLean told the Board. But both men and money were needed. The Rev. D. A. Smith's services as part-time synodical missionary during the past two years were very much appreciated. The Board approved of the Synod's request to our Women's Missionary Society for a deaconess to work in the Kootenay district.

The Rev. J. A. Munro called the Board's attention to some special fields where the Church's services have been asked for. Important new highways being built in the western provinces, and the large new communities growing up in parts of British Columbia and Alberta were a continual challenge to the Church to extend its work. There was need, too, that more be done in work among non-Anglo-Saxons, and among Indians on the reserves, training men for this work, and that it be made possible for new areas and frontier fields to receive more help through the use of the radio. Above all, every means should be taken to get suitable young men (and women) and train them for the work of the Church.

From a letter from Miss Lily Simpson (February 1948)

WE have been very busy (in the Jobat hospital), this last week we had the largest number of patients we have had for a long time. We did not have beds for them all but as we had extra mattresses, we put quite a number on the floor of the verandah and put patients there. . . . They would not have even mattresses in their own homes and they were able to get the medicine and treatment they needed. As soon as other patients were discharged, they were given beds and new patients would have the mattresses. As a number of patients left this morning, now, although all the beds are full, we do not have any patients sleeping on the floor. . . . It is getting warmer here and it is a good thing for these people who have so little clothing. We have had two cold spells and both times patients just flocked in with colds, and most of them with pneumonia. It gives one a thrill, and a satisfied feeling, to see patients who came into the hospital almost dead get better and then look at one with such a happy smile. They know how sick they were, or, if they do not, their relatives do and they look as if they appreciated very much all that had been done for them.

Prayer

ALMIGHTY God, Creator and Preserver of all things, we humbly bow before Thee and lift up our hearts in adoration and praise. Great King and Lord of all, we bless Thee because Thou hast bidden us come to Thee and Thou dost hearken to our cries.

Humbly we confess our sins, which are many and great, our ingratitude for Thy loving-kindness, our indifference, and the hardness of our hearts. Forgive us, we humbly pray. Help us to open our hearts to Thy great love, that our thoughts may be turned from ourselves to the great suffering and need to be seen on every side among the peoples of the world.

We pray for Thy Church universal, that it may be faithful in proclaiming the Gospel to all men. Bless, we beseech Thee, that branch of Thy Church to which we belong, that the ''Advance for Christ'' may be indeed an advance to a higher spiritual life, bringing reconsecration of heart and life throughout the whole Church, that Thy will may be done and Thy Kingdom come.

We pray Thee to bless our Society, its work and its workers. May each member be a faithful witness, diligent in the study of Thy Word, responsive to Thy guiding Spirit. We bear tenderly before Thee our workers in Canada and overseas. We thank Thee for the devotion of their lives and the faithfulness of their witness. May they ever be conscious of Thy abiding presence. We remember, too, those who have been led out of the darkness of heathenism into the glorious light of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. May they know Him as their Saviour from sin, their Protector and Preserver in times of persecution, and their glorious Hope for the life everlasting.

These things we ask in the Name of Thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Great God of Hope, how green Thy trees,
How calm each several star!
Renew us; make us fresh as these,
Calm as those are.

For what can dim his hope who sees,
Though faintly and afar,
The power that kindles green in trees,
And light in star?—Amy Carmichael.

The Secret of Life and Power

[In Ezekiel's great message after the fall of Jerusalem—the vision of the ''valley of dry bones''—he obeyed the command to prophesy unto them, although the bones ''were very many . . . and very dry''. A great result followed—''the bones came together . . . and the flesh came up upon them . . .'', but as yet there was no life in them.]

. . . Having shown the prophet the necessity and yet the limitations of human effort, he is bidden to pray; to pray for the access of the Divine Spirit. ''Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.''

To the pious Hebrew the wind was just the breath of God, and this breath of God was that which in man became the breath of life. . . .

And no sooner was that prayer uttered than the miracle was effected. The valley of death became a vision of life. The sepulchre became an army.

Now the lesson of all this is so obvious that I do not need to press it home. It is that without the Spirit of God our work is of no use. The preacher cannot give life. It is only God who can do that, but if we prepare for it and ask for it, He will give it.

On this Pentecost Sabbath we are afresh reminded of that great truth. ''Tarry,'' said Jesus, ''in Jerusalem until ye be endued with power from on high.'' We know what that tarrying meant. It was not an idle waiting, doing nothing. No, it was tarrying at the feet of God. It was the tarrying of earnest prayer. It was the tarrying of men who said, ''I will not let Thee go, except Thou bless me.'' It was a prayer meeting ten days long.

And then came the mighty rushing wind of God that turned that feeble company into a band of living courageous men who went forth to conquer the world, ''clear as the Sun, fair as the Moon, and terrible as an Army with banners''.

Is not that what we all need to-day, need in our individual struggle with sin and need in our work for God and the Church? We need life and power. . . . And where does this power come from? It only comes from God.

As the poet Browning puts it, speaking of the river Jordan which issues full-born from a dark cave in a valley in Mount Lebanon:

> This wealth of waters might but seem to draw
> From yon dark cave; but see, the source is higher,
> Yon summit half a league in air: and higher,
> The cloud that hides it: higher still the heavens
> Whereby the cloud was moulded, and whereout
> The cloud descended. *Force is from the heights.*

Yes, all power is from the heights. We are only endued with life and power when we are endued with power from on high. It is the Spirit that giveth life.

Let us seek for this gift. Let us not forget to work. The prophet was only entitled to pray when he had prepared the way of the Lord by prophesying to the dry bones. But having done our best, having responded to the challenge of faith, let us realize our impotence without the power from on high. Let us fall on our knees and seek from Him that Breath of Life which He is so eager to bestow on the prepared and seeking heart, saying in the words of the Christian poet:

> Breathe on me, breath of God,
> Fill me with life anew,
> That I may love what Thou dost love
> And do what Thou wouldst do.

—From *The Goodly Fellowship Of The Prophets*
by Rev. W. Mackintosh Mackay, D.D.

Writing from Amkhut (February 15), Miss Ellen Douglas gives us a glimpse of some of the new work that the possession of a jeep is making possible in that area of the Bhil country.

. . . Particularly interesting to me have been the visits we have made recently in the jeep to various places. Miss Rollo takes the medicine, and I'm afraid I do most of the talking. For many years I had wanted to visit a village called Oran. It is too far away to walk, and the car would not ordinarily reach it, but since the jeep arrived we have made several visits. And what good times we have had! The village itself is beautiful, very jungly, in the midst of hills. The people are so friendly and eager to hear; many of them had not heard the Gospel before. We go there every Friday afternoon and now that they expect us they gather very quickly when they hear the motor. Meeting these same people week after week, it is possible to give them systematic teaching. . . . It seems as if the jeep is really going to be a blessing in that it is bringing us in touch with so many more people. . . .

. . . Before Christmas we held the night classes (for young men) every evening in the church (at Amkhut). Some of the boys were naturally more interested than others, and we have been working harder with these since Christmas. Four are very faithful, and they have now learned to read and need just a little more practice to be "pukka". . . . We are hoping and praying that they all will be baptized before long.

Mid-India Conference of Nurses' Auxiliary

Through the kindness of Miss Bessie M. MacMurchy of Jobat we have received two articles written by Jobat nurses, one telling especially of their trip and the other of the Conference itself.

Journey from Jobat to Tilda

Honour Khunji, second year student nurse, and Alice Jigiya, first year student, tell of their trip to Tilda for the Conference of the Mid-India Branch of the Nurses' Auxiliary of the Christian Medical Association. (Translated by Miss MacMurchy.)

EARLY in the morning of December 8th we got ready for our journey and started from here in the car about seven o'clock. We were very crowded in the car, and as it was the cold season we were very cold driving. We arrived at Dohad station about nine o'clock. . . . We had hoped to change trains in Ratlam and go right on from there, but when we got to Ratlam what did we see? Not one nurse was ready to go. . . . We found that the other nurses were planning to leave the next day. When we heard this we were discouraged as we didn't know how we would spend the day. On the way to the Mission we enjoyed looking at the shops and houses and when we arrived we were welcomed by the nurses. They seemed happy to make arrangements for us to stay and we had no trouble at all. We had a good night and in the morning felt that God had been good in making things so pleasant for us.

Honour, Bhartiya, and Alice—at Conference

The next day we started our journey again. The Nursing Superintendent went to the station with us and bought concession tickets for us. There were twelve of us (from Jobat, Banswara and Ratlam) starting from Ratlam. After half an hour the train came, whistling and puffing. Then we could hardly control our excitement. We all got our luggage into a compartment and found places to sit. With a sharp whistle the train soon started. We enjoyed seeing all the new places, the green fields, rushing streams, flying birds, and working men and women. The time passed quickly as we travelled to Khandwa.

When we arrived in Khandwa we took our luggage from the train and began to look for the train on which we were to go next. We were interested in the confusion of the station and saw many kinds of people. We especially liked seeing the station at night. We were very thankful for the opportunity we had of seeing so many new sights and travelling so far from home. We had to spend most of the night in Khandwa waiting-room and very early in the morning got the train for Katni. On the trip to Katni we were more interested than ever in all that we saw. We found we would have a long wait there, so half went to sleep on their bedrolls spread on the floor, and half stayed awake to watch the luggage. We all ate some of the food we had with us before we rested. With the help of coolies we again got into a train and arrived in Bilaspur about seven o'clock (an all-day trip)—and found that Tilda was four stations further on. While we were waiting in Bilaspur we saw lots of people crowding around men who were selling different things to eat. We bought some fruit. . . .

About ten o'clock we arrived in Tilda. There we found that many of the Tilda nurses and compounders had come to the station to welcome us. Everyone helped to get our luggage off the train and onto the bullock cart. When we got to the Mission Compound we heard that the meetings were to begin right away and so we didn't have time to get our clothes changed. A good arrangement was made for the meetings, in a large tent in front of the Sister's bungalow. There was a chair for everyone to sit on.

The meetings began about half-past ten o'clock. We saw nurses and compounders from many places. . . . Committees had been chosen to look after different arrangements, such as collecting fees for food, judging exhibits, and all did their work happily. At one o'clock Sister Gadt showed us the hospital in Tilda. We were told how the work was carried on and saw that there were wards for different diseases. For instance, there was a separate ward for tuberculosis patients. . . . The male nurses in Tilda have good quarters. The hospital is kept very clean and it looked as if everything was in the right place. It took a long time to see the hospital, but we had fifteen minutes or so to drink tea before the next meeting, which was not very long. In the early evening there was graduation service for the Tilda nurses. The Tilda nurses and the post-graduate students wore uniforms and looked very nice. The service was impressive. The nurses sang and repeated the Florence Nightingale pledge. There were addresses given especially for them. At eight o'clock everyone had dinner together in the big tent. This made a lot of work for those who prepared the food. It was excellent and we enjoyed it.

In our meeting the next morning different people spoke about work in their hospitals, living conditions for nurses, recreation, etc. The post-graduate students each spoke about the course they had just completed. We had quite a lengthy discussion about nurses' work. It was all interesting and enjoyable. After tea we had games, and then pictures. The meetings were finished in the evening.

We told a night nurse to waken us at three a.m. on Saturday, so that we could get ready for the early train. The Sister provided tea and fruit for us before we left. On December 15th we got back to our own hospital. We were very, very glad that we were able to have the trip and attend the meetings.

The Nurses' Conference at Tilda

Bhartiya, male staff nurse at the Jobat Hospital, wrote this account of the conference in English.

We three nurses, our nurses' superintendent and Doctor Quinn started to go by the motor car the morning of 8th December . . . and on 11th of December, at 9 o'clock, we reached Tilda. We got our places to stay. We were glad to see the new place and people whom we never saw before. They were glad to see us, too.

After an hour of our reaching there was the time of our meeting. The meeting was started with prayers and songs. I came to know that the Chairman of the meeting was John Harrison. One of the Nursing Superintendents explained about "The Art of Leadership". One of the doctors read from the Bible and spoke on how to work in the hospital and use medicines. A Committee was made to judge exhibits, which nurses brought from different places. . . . This meeting was finished with prayer. The meeting-place was in a nice big and clean tent. A number of missionaries, nurses and compounders were there. After this meeting we had our noon food in a tent all together.

In the afternoon all people who came there from other places made rounds in the hospital. I saw rooms and patients and compared them with our patients which are in our hospitals. I know the situation of the hospital and their rules are some different from our hospital, but the patients are not having time to get the Lord's Word as much as in our hospital. As we came from hospital tea was ready, so we took tea at four o'clock in afternoon. After taking tea there was held another meeting. . . . In this meeting we heard last year's report of Nurses'

Conference at Ratlam. Some nurses gave report of Nurses' Auxiliary Branches. After these reports Dr. Weis spoke about his round in whole of India and about his work which he did for the Lord. The meeting was closed with prayers. At half-past seven o'clock we had nice food all together in the same tent. There was again a meeting in the evening specially for the nurses' graduation. One lecture was given to the nurses about how to work and what to do. The Nursing Superintendent of Tilda gave caps and shirt buttons to the nurses who passed preliminary examinations. Graduation certificates were given by the same Superintendent to graduates of Tilda in 1947. Certificates for the post-graduate course were given by the Nursing Superintendent of Bilaspur. The meeting was closed with prayer. We took tea right there and 11th of December finished.

On the 12th December in the morning at half-past seven we took tea. At eight o'clock the meeting started. A minister told where to preach the Gospel and how to tell about the Lord's work. He read from the Bible and led in prayer. A young lady played on a violin. Pictures were taken in a big group. Again we went inside the tent. We all had a nice discussion about the living conditions of Indian nurses, houses, and pay. We heard a report of the Editor by Miss Scott. She divided the Conference into parts and gave each hospital one part to write about. Reports were given by post-graduate students and by Dr. Whittier about printing of new text books. After these reports the meeting was finished. We had food at noon. There was no programme until four o'clock, so we had time to go here and there. At four o'clock we had tea and games. As soon as we finished games we had to come once again into the tent. There we enjoyed seeing several kinds of pictures. After the pictures we all had nice food in the same tent where we were having our meetings. The time of sleep then came and we slept fairly well.

Early in the morning of 13th December we all had tea and came to the Tilda station to start our journey to come back to our homes.

Heralds of Christ! What harbingers of hope
To those diseased in body and in soul.
How glorious to heal the blind that grope,
And point to Jesus, who can make them whole.

Greater than kings and emperors they stand;
Heroic in the might of sacrifice,
A great, uncrowned, unconquerable band,
Linking lost souls with seraphs in the skies.

—H. Isabel Graham.

church moved forward. Instead of driving out the missionaries hundreds and even thousands more came to preach about Jesus Christ.

By 1913 there were nearly 9,000 of these missionaries of the **Cross here in China.** What a missionary zeal was burning in America and other **foreign** lands then! But suddenly the queer foreigners changed again.

By 1930 our people had a complete change of heart toward Christianity. We replaced resentment with receptive ears, suspicion became transformed into trust. Our leaders gladly recognized the debt owed to the missionaries for such social reforms as anti-opium, anti-polygaamy, and anti-footbinding campaigns, equality for girls in gaining an education, and so on. The children of those poor ''rice Christians'' had become prosperous, well educated and leading citizens, especially the sons and daughters of the first generation of pastors.

Indeed, the founder of our modern Chinese Republic was a Christian, and the head men of our Government to-day are Christians.

To-day those chapels built so long ago are crowded, the hospitals that excited such suspicion are thronged by the sick and suffering, and those despised colleges are sought out by all, Christians and non-Christians alike, as the fountain to quench their thirst for knowledge. Truly now is the time for a great spiritual harvest!

But **where are the missionaries?** Why have they quit China? It cannot be the war only, for even before Japan tried to crush us the 9,000 missionaries had become only 2,000 strong. No longer were they coming in growing numbers. No longer was new and vital life being backed up with sacrificial gifts. Why?

Has the Vision Faded?

To-day China is white unto harvest. But where are the reapers? Is this just another way the ''Foreigners are so queer?'' Do they fear to come among us now that they do not have gun-boats to protect them and extra-territorial rights to shield them? Or is it that the missionary vision of a lost nation has faded and the ardent love of many for their Master has grown cold? Has the missionary fire gone out in America and England? Are the churches abroad lately so ''unionised'' that they are staging a long sit-down strike? Now, when we of China would welcome these missionaries in thousands, they come by tens and twenties. Now, when our people are crying for them to heal our wounds, to bind up the broken hearts, why do they not come? Now, when we will eagerly sit at their feet to learn of salvation, now of all times why do they pass by on the other side?

Foreigners Are So Queer

BY KUNG-SAM LEE

(Promoter of the National Christian Broadcasting Association of China)
From *The British Weekly,* with grateful acknowledgement

"FOREIGNERS are so queer," we Chinese used to say to each other. While we are using white to signify mourning they use black. We use a pair of chopsticks to scoop our food into our mouths, and they daily practise the art of swordsmanship as they cut and slash at the food which in China is already cut up by the cook in the kitchen. No wonder white men are such good fighters! We give our surname first, they put it last; we write vertically and they write horizontally. We read from right to left, and they read from left to right. To us, indeed, they seem very queer.

But the greatest puzzle to us is not their customs, but rather their actions at this time of opportunity.

Many years ago Christianity was forced upon an unwilling China. We resisted the foreign importation, and headed by our Empress Dowager, Tsu Chi, we hated and opposed all that the foreign missionaries were trying to teach us. But to our amazement they came in great numbers and multiplied their activities in our ancient land.

We persecuted the natives who misguidedly believed, and we abused and slandered the missionaries. To resist us they had at times to call in the aid of the "foreign gun-boat". Yet from a few despised "rice Christians" they steadily built up a strong church in almost all corners of our vast country.

"They Went on Steadily."

Even though we suspected them and their medical practices they built up large and helpful hospitals. When our upper classes sneered at their western learning, and we feared our children would be corrupted by their queer teachings, they went on steadily building up schools, and then colleges and universities.

What could our people do under such relentless spiritual pressure? Our Empress tried many ways to drive them out, but they were unafraid and her plans failed. So finally in 1900 she incited the famous Boxers to rise up and wipe out the missionaries.

Many missionaries died. But to her astonishment and regret, she found that this persecution was exactly the thing on which Christianity grew and increased. In the face of martyrdom and persecution the

Has the command of Christ been replaced? Has His ''Go ye into all the world'' been changed to ''Just stay right here at home?'' We of China are calling you to come if you have healing for our eyes and bodies, if you have enlightenment for our minds, or if you have light for the darkness of our souls. Would to God that all readers would ask themselves Heber's question:—

Can we, whose souls are lighted
    With wisdom from on high,
Can we to men benighted
    The lamp of life deny?

At Landour

Miss Simpson tells something, too, of her months at the Landour hospital—she had been granted leave of absence from Jhansi to answer an urgent appeal from the Landour Board. (Held over from last month.)

. . . . I had quite an interesting summer this last year. I was in Landour, not for a holiday, although one usually connects Landour with vacation or language study, but on duty in the hospital from May 1st. . . . The Landour community hospital is a 30-bed hospital, but there are often many more patients than that in the hospital. Open only from March to November, it has not a permanent staff, but has to depend on help from other mission hospitals; some of the nurses are third-year students or those who have completed their general nursing course and are waiting to take midwifery. . . . The hospital serves the missionary residents of Landour, but there are also wards for Indian people, and many Indians come as private patients. The busy months are usually from the first of May until about the end of August, but this year we were busy until well on in September as the missionaries from the Punjab were unable to return to their mission stations because of the disturbance in Pakistan.

I enjoyed the work there very much, we had so many different interesting cases. Treatments had changed so much since I was in hospital work before that I was especially glad of this experience; now I feel better equipped to return to my district work.

We have all read interesting stories of wild animals in India but one is apt not to take them seriously, even those of us who live here. This year I had reason to believe some of these stories, for we had several patients who had been badly mauled by animals, and apparently this was not unusual. Two boys were admitted to the hospital who had been attacked by a bear in a field where they were watching their cattle. This happened fifteen miles from the hospital . . . and the boys had to be brought in one at a time, in a *dandy* carried by four men. . . . As it was in the mountains there was a good deal of climbing to do in the fifteen miles but the men finally got them both to the hospital. The younger boy, who was attacked first, was very seriously injured, while the other, who had gone to his rescue, had a hand and leg quite badly injured. Both boys recovered, however. In the days before penicillin and sulpha drugs the one would probably have died and perhaps the second one, too, as his wounds were already infected when he reached the hospital.

I was to leave the hospital September 15th, and ordinarily I should have had my vacation then. I did go off duty and had one week's rest, but it was not a good time for holidaying in Landour, and it was impossible to get away.

Although we had been reading about the unrest in different parts of India and Pakistan since Independence day, August the 15th, we did not think of trouble in Landour until three weeks later, when curfew and martial law were enforced. . . . All the Mohammedans were taken to refugee camps, including some servants who had been with missionary families for twenty years. They did not want to go and their employers did not like to see them go, but for their own safety they had to go. Quite a number of the Mohammedans in Landour were business people; they lost everything—no sooner had they left their places of business than these were looted and some set on fire. . . . We were unable to get supplies of any kind for a few days, but, fortunately, most of the missionaries had some canned foods, so that we got along, although on short rations. We had no mail for weeks and felt cut off from the rest of the world. . . .

To dampen our spirits still further, we had heavy rains for a few days, and there was danger of a landslide, which would have come right on top of the house we were living in. . . . Dr. Robinson invited me to stay at the hospital and the others slept in the cottage nearby for a few nights until the danger was over. . . .

The rain caused considerable damage on the railway and several bridges were washed away, preventing us from leaving Landour and holding up about fifty missionaries who had started to go down to the plains; they had to stay in the railway station for ten and eleven days, as they could not return to Landour because of curfew. The first few days were cold and wet and they did not have too much food, but the proprietor of the refreshment rooms very kindly allowed them all to live in these rooms and even to use the furniture and dishes. . . . The women and children slept in one room, where they all ate, and all the men slept in the other one. I managed to get away from Landour on the 8th of October.

New Organizations

Alberta

Calgary Presbyterial Society—Young Women's Auxiliary, St. Andrew's Church, Calgary. Pres., Miss Margaret MacMillan; Treas., Mrs. Jessie Ogilvie; Sec., Miss Ruth Caverley, 1502-8th Avenue East.

Saskatchewan

Regina Presbyterial Society—Happy Teens Girls' Group, Indian Head. Leader, Mrs. George Dobie, Box 46. Ruby Walker Girls' Guild, Walter Martin Memorial Church, Regina. Leader, Mrs. William Todd, 2129 Rose St.

Manitoba

Brandon Presbyterial Society — Ladies' Guild, Affiliated, First Church, Portage la Prairie. Pres., Mrs. C. R. James; Treas., Mrs. A. McJanett; Sec., Mrs. D. Stevenson, 63-11th Street.

Superior Presbyterial Society—Canadian Girls in Training group, Fort Frances.

Hamilton and London

Bruce and Owen Sound Presbyterial Society—Young Women's Auxiliary, Hanover. Pres., Miss Hazel McIntosh; Treas., Miss Rose Marie Lindsay; Sec., Miss Lucille Cowan.

Hamilton Presbyterial Society—Canadian Girls in Training group, St. Paul's Church, Hamilton. Leader, Mrs. C. J. Whittington, 29 Sherman Avenue.

Stratford Presbyterial Society—Mary and Martha Young Women's Group, Knox Church, Stratford. Pres., Mrs. A. Hyde; Treas., Miss E. Gallop; Sec., Miss Audrey Crerar, 18 Church St.

Toronto and Kingston

Barrie Presbyterial Society—Auxiliary, Bracebridge. Pres., Mrs. R. H. Armstrong; Treas., Mrs. Whitney Magee; Sec., Mrs. W. J. Botling.

Montreal and Ottawa

Lanark and Renfrew Presbyterial Society—Explorer Group (boys), McDonald's Corners. Leader, Rev. T. W. Brett.

LITERATURE PAGE

Miss Louise A. Reith

DAUNTLESS WOMEN written by Winifred Mathews brings to its readers the true life stories of the wives of some of the outstanding pioneer missionaries.

The writer says that when reading the biography of Mary Williams, wife of the ''Christian pioneer and martyr of the South Seas'', there was created within her ''a desire to rescue Mary Williams and other missionary wives from the musty volumes in which their stories lie embalmed and to present them as women of flesh and blood who actually lived and suffered and triumphed in the past century''. This Mrs. Mathews has done and one by one these wives of missionaries, often the first white women to have been seen by native peoples, come to us as living women.

Those whom we meet within the covers of DAUNTLESS WOMEN are Ann Judson, wife of Adoniram Judson of Burma portrayed as the ''Comrade of an Ambassador in Chains'': Mary Moffat, ''indeed a missionary second only to himself'', Robert Moffat of Africa, who so established her home in that land that it could be said when they returned to England that ''they were not leaving Africa to go home; they were leaving home to go to England''; David Livingstone's wife, Mary, who proved to be ''the stuff of which heroes' wives are made'' as she endured fear and loneliness while her husband carried out his daring explorations; Christina Coillard, a Scottish lass who married a French missionary, François Coillard, to make a ''home'' in a wagon in Africa; Mary Williams, wife of John Williams, missionary to the South Seas, the proven ''friend of the island women'' who endured as ''a good soldier of Jesus Christ years of separation and anxiety''; the wife of another missionary to the South Seas, Agnes Watt; and Lillias Underwood, the first white woman ever to go into the interior of Korea, who became the official attending doctor to the Queen of Korea and served all who needed her with love and devotion.

The stories of these ''dauntless'' women are well told and as we come to know them we also learn much about the countries and the people among whom they served. It is an excellent book to possess and to pass around among the members of Girls' Groups and Auxiliaries for supplementary reading.

DAUNTLESS WOMEN is dedicated to ''all those who are eager to respond to the challenge of Christian pioneer work in their own day with the courage and devotion of these pioneer women of an earlier generation''. May those who read the book become worthy of having the book dedicated to them and respond to the challenge of the present day.

DAUNTLESS WOMEN by Winifred Mathews $1.00

AUXILIARIES

Mrs. W. A. McLennan and Miss E. L. McClelland

Auxiliary Home Helpers Secretary

A HOME Helpers Secretary should be very carefully chosen, as this office requires a very special type of woman; not that she needs any outstanding ability but she must be an understanding and human person. She needs to give liberally of her time and have a keen interest in her women, and a general knowledge of our Women's Missionary Society work. Visiting should be a pleasure to her. Then only will each call made result in a closer friendship as well as a sharing of the information of what the Auxiliary is doing and planning.

When there is to be a special meeting with an outstanding speaker or anything of special interest in the work, the Home Helpers should know of this and every effort should be made to see that everyone possible can attend and bring a friend. Tell those who cannot come to the meeting who the speaker is to be and ask them to pray for her; the next time you call be ready to tell them a few of the outstanding things she said. Interest creates interest.

If the Auxiliary is to have a Home Helpers meeting, the Home Helpers Secretary will be able to help plan it. Arrangements should be made to have it when the weather is likely to be fine.

Ask for the Home Helpers' prayers for the General Assembly, the Council, Synodical and Presbyterial meetings, also for those who are sick or in sorrow, as well as for the overseas and national work.

Do not stress the point of giving specially, because women interested in being Home Helper members of the Auxiliary will be interested in helping financially. Enlarge the Home Helpers Department and you will increase the amount contributed.

As new people come into the church, get in touch with the Welcome and Welfare secretary, and try to visit them early; let them know who you are and, if possible, have a recent copy of *The Glad Tidings* to leave with them. If there are children in the home, speak of the Sunday

School and the Mission Band or other groups in which they might be interested.

Pillars in a church do a great work, but smaller timbers do a greater work, because more of them have to be used.

Last, but in no way least—be very prompt in sending in your report, both the tabulated report and the written report, giving a full account of all your activities during the year. This report is necessary and important and should be sent in at the proper time.

(Mrs. A. B.) Gertrude Cruickshank.

YOUNG WOMEN

Mrs. C. N. Johnston, *Secretary*

NOW is the time when most of you are making plans for your summer holidays. Have you ever considered having your group plan a week-end together during the summer months? I think you will find, if you live not too far from a resort district, that there would be cottages you could rent for a week-end. Perhaps someone in your church owns a cottage and would be willing to let you have it, particularly if it were in June or September, before or after the regular summer season. Or you might find that the camp-site that serves your area would be available for such a project. Wherever groups have tried it the members have had a wonderful time together. Why not have your group try it?

There will be many details to work out; for example, if there is not a cook, will you engage one, or will you take turns doing the cooking yourselves? Who will do the ordering ahead of time?

A week-end such as this can mean a great deal more than just having fun together. If you plan not only for fun but also for serious discussion and thought, you will find that this can be a time when you greatly strengthen your fellowship with God and with one another. If possible, invite someone to go along with you who can lead you in the discussion of certain aspects of Christian faith and work. Your planned programme need not take up a great deal of time to be abundantly worth while.

Happy holidays to you! And if you do plan a holiday together, we should enjoy hearing about it.

—Helen N. Scott.

GIRLS and LEADERS

Mrs. Harold Keefer, *Secretary*

Karuna and Sushilmani

"WHAT sort of thing will the $300.00 being contributed* by girls' groups in our Church towards the work of the Helen Macdonald Memorial Girls' School in Jhansi, India, do?" you ask. That is the very question that we asked of Miss Edith Magee, the principal of the school.

Miss Magee said that $300.00 might do any number of things, but she chose two typical people in the school, a teacher and a student, to introduce to us and show how our money might help them. She said our $300.00 might be divided so that $220.00 would go towards the salary of Karuna Huri Lal and $80.00 towards the education of Sushilmani ($45.00 towards her board, $20.00 for books, and $15.00 for clothing). Miss Magee tells us of these two Indian girls.

"Karuna (pronounced Karoona) came on our staff this year, is doing a good job, and will probably go on into evangelistic work in the district when she is a little older. She is a graduate of the school. After matriculation she took a one-year training course. She alternates between the Christian Farm school at Bronsonpura and the third class here, from month to month. She is really good stuff. I am sure that she will gladly write a letter for your girls."

"Sushilmani (pronounced Soo-sheel′-munie) is the eldest of our five orphan girls. It is her ardent hope that some day she may serve as a doctor in our hospital in Jobat—though she hardly dares to consider how such a thing could ever be! She is really all-round: works hard and plays hard; is lots of fun when it's an occasion for being amusing; is really concerned for the younger orphan children—who pay attention when Sushilmani speaks! She earns her way by being responsible for our beautiful Helen Macdonald Memorial building, a building which must have all of forty doors opening on the verandahs. For all these, and more, Sushil, as we often call her, is the faithful Keeper of the Keys."

Most of the pupils in the school pay their own tuition and board

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* The $1,200.00 contributed by girls' groups this year is to be divided as follows:

Mistawasis Reserve, Saskatchewan (school work)	$480.00
Helen Macdonald Girls' School, Jhansi, India	300.00
British Guiana—salary of Miss Eileen Budhoo, deaconess	420.00

but, as Sushilmani is an orphan, her expenses are paid from mission funds and she works for her education in this way.

"I have put $20.00 to Sushilmani's board beyond the amount paid by our boarders, as this will cover the amount charged for a summer camp or school to be held in Sat Tal (Seven Lakes) in the lower Himalayas, to which we plan to send Sushilmani this coming 'hot weather' vacation. This will be a tremendous thing for a girl who has hardly been off our compound in her fifteen years. The child has never even been on a train. She will be going with two of our youngest teachers, who were in school with her here. This is a Summer School on children's work for nurses and teachers especially; but Sushil is intelligent and mature enough to fit into the group.

"In response to your suggestion, I asked Sushilmani to write a short letter telling a little about herself. I am sending it on without any corrections of spelling or grammar. Probably it is roughly as difficult for her to write in English as it would be for a ninth-grade girl in Canada to write in French or Latin. At any rate I think that her meaning will be plain enough."

Sushilmani's Letter To Girls' Groups in Canada

Dear Friends in Canada,

You all are well there by the grace of our Heavenly Father. I am writing you all a letter of myself to know who I am.

I am an orphan girl and the Canadian Presbyterian Mission support me since my childhood. I was born on 27th April in 1932. Now I am 15 years old and I am reading in Class VIII (Grade X). In my class I take Arithmetic, English, Hindi, History, Geography, Hygiene, Sewing, Cooking, Arts and Crafts. I like Arithmetic, English, and Arts and Crafts the best of all. In handwork we do some leather work, too. I always try to stand in high rank as first, so I study hard and now I am studying hard for my annual examinations.

I heard about your kindness and self-sacrificing of you all. And I thank God very much for his gift for us. I pray daily and read our Bible. May God bless you all. I have nothing more to pen down. I am your

Faithful sister
Sushilmani.

When your $300.00 can help such people as Karuna and Sushilmani, you will want to get busy immediately to make your contribution.

—*Margaret Webster.*

THROUGH THE SOCIETY

BRITISH COLUMBIA

MRS. W. BARLOW, 149 W. 5TH ST.,
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VICTORIA Presbyterial—Speaking at the evening session of the 34th annual meeting of the Presbyterial Society, held in St. Andrew's Church, Victoria, Miss Sybil D. White, Synodical President, gave a résumé of missionary work in British Columbia and overseas. In vivid word pictures she described the work of ten deaconesses and special welfare work among newcomers in the country; she spoke enthusiastically of the increased interest shown during the past year in young people's groups—''It is a direct challenge to senior groups to keep their interest stimulated and alive,'' she said. Mrs. J. C. Scott, treasurer, reported $1,444.20 sent to the Synodical treasurer for the general fund, and Mrs. W. A. Dempsey, Supply secretary, reported a 48-pound parcel of clothing sent to the Mistawasis Indian Reserve.

Miss Gertrude Scott told of continued growth in the Chinese work during the year. Coloured slides of life and work in Dominica, British West Indies, were shown by Mr. John Davey of the World-Wide Evangelical Crusade. He stressed the importance of making Christian reading matter available to natives to combat Communist propaganda. The Rev. J. L. W. McLean brought greetings from St. Andrew's congregation, and the Rev. T. H. McAllister from the Presbytery. Others taking part were Dr. J. R. Johns and the Rev. Alex. Orr. Mrs. R. S. Stevens of Duncan led in the evening devotions. Mrs. M. C. Fuller was re-elected president and Mrs. D. A. McDonald and Mrs. E. Dann recording and corresponding secretaries, with Mrs. R. S. Stevens of Duncan and Mrs. A. A. MacKinnon as vice-presidents. Mrs. James Hyde conducted an impressive installation service.

Westminster Presbyterial—The Synodical Board were pleased to welcome Mrs. W. J. Smith of Armstrong, their 5th vice-president, who was visiting in Vancouver.

Mount Pleasant Auxiliary recently had a splendid meeting with the Helping Hand Auxiliary as their guests. Mrs. Thomas Wilson gave a most interesting talk on the life of Dr. James Robertson. For the Valentine Social of the C.G.I.T. and Explorer Groups the Senior Auxiliary provided refreshments. The young people appreciated the interest thus shown by the older women.

St. Stephen's Auxiliary, North Vancouver, held a memorial service for a former president, Mrs. W. W. MacGregor, who passed away in February. ''May we serve with as great a devotion as hers.''

ALBERTA

MRS. A. A. MACGREGOR, 9824 103RD ST.,
EDMONTON, PRESS SECRETARY

MACLEOD Presbyterial—On February 24th members of St. Andrew's Auxiliary, Macleod, were hostesses to delegates from Medicine Hat and Lethbridge for the annual meeting of the Presbyterial.

A very fine tribute was paid to the memory of the late Mrs. R. J. Gardiner of Macleod by Mrs. F. H. Blackbourne of Lethbridge. The reports of the past year's work were very encouraging; especially noteworthy was that of the Young Women. The special speaker was Miss Athalie Read, regional secretary for Alberta, who told of the advance of our Church in the province of Alberta, particularly among the younger groups; she urged the promotion in our Auxiliaries of this work among the young.

In the afternoon Miss Read spoke on Formosa, where there are ten representatives of our Church working at present. Special reference was made to the work among the Tyals; formerly headhunters, many of them became Christians even during the Japanese occupation, when they were driven further and further back into the hills by the enemy. Beautiful coloured slides were shown of Formosa, of pictures taken by the Rev. James Dickson. The Rev. Hubert Dann brought greetings from the Presbytery of Calgary.

SASKATCHEWAN

MRS. JAY WATSON, BOX 1056,
WEYBURN, PRESS SECRETARY

REGINA Presbyterial—It is a pleasure to report that Mrs. E. V. Wahn is able to be about again after three months in the house recovering from an accident.

The 34th annual meeting of the Presbyterial Society was held in First Presbyterian Church, Regina, on February 17th. Owing to the indisposition of the president, Mrs. E. V. Wahn, Miss Florence Brigham of Stoughton was in the chair. The secretaries' reports were listened to with interest and all present were pleased to note that the year's allocation had been exceeded. Miss Ruby Walker, regional secretary, discussed the reports as they were read and offered helpful suggestions, which were much appreciated. Delegates were present from Stoughton, Cymric, Whitewood and Moosomin as well as from the Regina Churches. The Rev. N. D. Kennedy gave a forceful address on ''The Church of Christ in China'' and told of the number of organizations and societies at work in China; in spite of this only one per cent. of the people of China are Christian. He stressed the great need of workers of every kind in Formosa. On behalf of the members of the Presbyterial, Mrs. Kelly, Synodical President, presented a gift to Mrs. Wahn as a token of their regard.

Saskatoon Presbyterial—At the January meeting of St. Andrew's Auxiliary, Saskatoon, the members were honoured in having Miss M. Steenson, Presbyterial President, as speaker. She gave her impressions of the Council meeting in Toronto. She said that to listen to the messages of the various secretaries, delegates, and missionaries (overseas and national) was to all a moving experience. She advised the members to study the reports in the Annual Report and in *The Glad Tidings*.

St. Andrew's Church, Rosetown, suffered a great loss in the death of Mrs. W. W. Cralle, who passed away very suddenly on January 2nd. A faithful and valued member, she will be sorely missed. Her devotion to the work of the Church will long be remembered by those who were privileged to be associated with her.

Prior to the departure from Moose Jaw of the Rev. and Mrs. R. A. Davidson and family for their new field at Grande Prairie, Alberta, the ladies of Knox and St. Paul's Churches met in honour of Mrs. Davidson. A gift was presented to her in recognition of the high esteem in which she was held by both congregations and regret was expressed that she was leaving.

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SUPERIOR Presbyterial — The 34th annual meeting of the Presbyterial Society was held in First Church, Port Arthur, on March 9th, with Mrs. W. S. Nairn presiding. Mrs. Clarida of Geraldton and Miss Scott of Fort Frances conducted the opening devotional exercises. Mrs. C. LeCocq, Synodical President, expressed appreciation of the work done during the year; all departments had ''gone over the top'', but the young people were to be especially commended.

Reports showed $1,659.40 sent to the General Fund, and $60 to the Supply Fund; 320 names received and a very busy year in Welcome and Welfare tracing newcomers and immigrants; a bale sent to the Cecilia Jeffrey School and $15 sent to Fort Frances; $68.34 given by the Home Helpers; 2,902 books, papers and magazines sent to hospitals, sanatorium and summer resorts; literature sales amounting to $232.86. The historian asked the Auxiliaries to write the history of their society. In her address Miss Ruby Walker gave some impressions received when travelling through her territory. The May McMahon Mission Band contributed to the programme by reciting Scripture passages and singing. The Rev. J. A. McMahon brought greetings from the Presbytery.

Evening Auxiliary members conducted the evening devotions. Four C.G.I.T. members gave readings on India. Miss Ruby Walker spoke on ''Our Authority for Missions''. ''Every Christian,'' she said, ''is a missionary. Those who cannot go out must send substitutes and support them by their prayers, interest and givings.'' Mrs. C. LeCocq presided for the election and the Rev. J. A. McMahon conducted the installation service, emphasizing the responsibility of the officers; they were engaged in God's work and their object was to glorify Him. Mrs. Nairn was re-elected president. Delegates were present from Fort Frances, Geraldton, First Church, West Fort William, St. Andrew's, Fort William, and First Church, Port Arthur.

Winnipeg Presbyterial—The theme of the 34th annual Presbyterial meeting, held in Norwood Church, was ''Consecrated Service''. In her address Mrs. G. W. Bradley said, ''We must look forward, and have great expectations. When God says, There is the work, are we ready to do it?'' In the world picture one of the most heartening things, she said, is the faith with which people of China held on through weary war years and now at the first opportunity have gone forward in the work of the Christian Church. In her address Mrs. H. H. Dunwoody pointed out that our task was to build a new world through a strong Church. ''Are we going to let the Master's call go unheeded? Lift up your eyes for there is hope of a harvest.''

At the morning session Miss Ruby Walker stressed the importance of making the service of worship inspirational, through prayer and preparation making meetings attractive, using the study book as a guide, using literature and helps, and showing an interest in young people. She also gave some practical suggestions for helping Auxiliaries. In the afternoon she spoke of ''What we get from an annual meeting''—new zeal and inspiration; a sense of partnership; a new sense of the missionary call binding on us all. The Norwood Mission Band presented a pageant. ''The Children of The World''. The very encouraging reports indicated increased interest in the work—$1,685 was given in 1947, $173.39 by Home Helpers; 757 visits were made to the sick and aged. Mrs. A. T. Kernaghan presented a corsage to Mrs. Cormack Smith, treasurer, in appreciation of a task well and cheerfully done. Each district reported more members in Mission Bands and Explorer Groups; C.G.I.T. groups had suffered from lack of leaders. Literature sales amounted to $204.10, an increase of $92.42. Auxiliaries were urged to send more items for the *Glad Tidings.* More *Glad Tidings* subscriptions were reported. Dr. A. F. Howick, Moderator, extended the greetings of Presbytery. Mrs. D. H. Ross presided during the election and Mrs. F. A. Gemmel installed the officers.

In the evening devotions were taken by members of Young Women's and C.G.I.T. groups. The Norwood C.G.I.T. sang ''The Lord is My Shepherd''. The Rev. D. C. Hill told of the progress of missionary work in Western Canada, and Mrs. H. Ruse spoke briefly of the Shoal Lake camp. ''Consecrated Service and Personal Faith'' was the theme of Mrs. J. S. Hutchison's closing message.

Mrs. G. W. Bradley was re-elected president. Delegates attended from Kenora, Roland, Morden, Selkirk, Stonewall, and Gonor.

At an enjoyable meeting early in the year when Elmwood Auxiliary, Winnipeg, had members of other Auxiliaries visit them Mrs. Cormack Smith, Presbyterial Treasurer, spoke briefly on how and where our givings were distributed. Presentations were made to Mrs. C. Fox, the oldest member and a faithful worker through the years, and Mrs. J. Campbell, a beloved friend and helper especially in the early years of their church life.

HAMILTON AND LONDON

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CHATHAM—St. Andrew's, Windsor ''Lord of all lands, make Canada Thine own''—the theme for the Senior Auxiliary and Mrs. W. H. Ingold spoke of the Church's missionary activities across Canada, in educational work, summer camps and on mission fields. Mrs. S. St. Clair, Presbyterial Evening Department Secretary, spoke to the Eleanor McKechnie group. ''We need quiet and solitude in this age,'' she said. ''In the noise and confusion of our days, we may miss the still small voice of God speaking to us.'' The Wallaceburg Evening Auxiliary took charge of the programme for the senior group in March.

Hamilton—St. John's Church C.G.I.T. entertained their ''mystery'' mothers, members of the Laurel Mission Circle who have kept a friendly but mysterious contact with the girls throughout the year. It was a ''Thank you'' from the girls, who report it as ''the grandest party we've ever had''. Each girl had her ''mystery mother'' as partner in the games and quizzes, and numbers were drawn for the 1948 mystery mothers. This group holds the shield for attendance at the recent Hamilton Inter-Denominational C.G.I.T. Rally. To the Kannawin Auxiliary, at their 55th anniversary meeting, Miss Grace Patterson told how missionary meetings were conducted in Central India, and spoke of her own missionary work. Her sister, Mrs. Donald Munro, led in the service of worship. To the Calvin Auxiliary on their 18th anniversary Mrs. Donald Munro brought Synodical greetings, and Mrs. Burbidge, a returned missionary, spoke on Korea. At the Margaret Johnson Evening group's 9th birthday meeting, Miss B. Watson of St. John's Anglican Church spoke on the requirements for missionaries on the foreign field.

St. Andrew's Auxiliary, Hamilton, had an enjoyable afternoon on March 10th at the annual Home Helpers tea. Mrs. S. Moore Gordon, spoke on ''The Power of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ'', emphasizing the fact that we worship a *living* Christ. We should make use of the power given us by Him in our Women's Missionary Society work, and be alert and expectant. It seemed, she said, as if we had lost that ''expectant view''.

Huron—Before their pastor, the Rev. R. Stewart, left Goderich, he asked the Knox Auxiliary to take over the visiting of Presbyterians in hospitals. Two ladies each month are asked to visit once a week, and their visits are greatly appreciated. The *Glad Tidings* Secretary, distributing twelve sample copies, secured seven new subscriptions. Captain Agar of the Salvation Army spoke at the Easter meeting; there was a large attendance. The three C.G.I.T. groups sponsored a variety concert, each group presenting a short play. The Arthur Circle had a shower of food and baby clothes for Britain.

London—The Glencoe Auxiliary gathered the young women together to form a new Evening Auxiliary—''24 members, but we expect to have many more in the near future''. The Rev. Mr. Young installed the officers.

Maitland — The Presbyterial President, Mrs. Guthrie Reid, spoke to the Kincardine Auxiliary. ''Eastertide brings a feeling of new life, the challenge of a new day,'' she said. ''It is a time of miracles, and with faith in a Risen Lord, we have power to go forward to greater victories for Christ.''

Sarnia—The Rev. Allan Reoch, addressing St. Andrew's Auxiliary, Sarnia, spoke briefly of the suffering of the Church in China at the time of the Boxer Rebellion, during the last war, and now through Communist aggression. ''Yet God does not desert His Church,'' he said, ''the gospel is being spread by refugees and the Church has been saved as by a miracle.'' The last charter member of this Auxiliary, Mrs. T. W. Nisbet, passed away at the age of 93. A former Presbyterial President, she was always active in the Society's work. She wrote the history of the Presbyterial for its Golden Jubilee.

TORONTO AND KINGSTON

MRS. ERIC LARSEN, BOX 262,
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BARRIE—With some eighty guests present, St. Andrew's Auxiliary, Huntsville, celebrated its twenty-second birthday on March 10th. An interesting programme was presented, in which the Mission Band and the Canadian Girls in Training took part. The C.G.I.T. group served refreshments.

Attractive decorations in mauve and yellow, the colours of the Orillia Auxiliary, were used on February 12th for their annual supper meeting. Among the two hundred and twenty-five members and friends who attended the meeting, at which Mrs. George Browne presided, were three generations of one family, Mrs. C. J. Thomson, her daughter, Mrs. S. R. Sarjeant, and her granddaughter, Suzanne Sarjeant, all of whom are active in missionary work, each being on the executive of the group of which she is a member. At the head table, with Mrs. Browne and the secretary, were the speaker, the Rev. Norman Mackay of Dufferin Presbyterian Church, Toronto, Dr. J. A. MacInnis, representatives of the missionary societies of other Orillia churches, Synodical and Presbyterial officers, and leaders and presidents of affiliated groups of the congregation. Following supper, Mrs. Noel Thomson and Mrs. W. G. Barker led in the devotional period. Mrs. L. A. Prittie, a former member of Dufferin Street congregation, introduced Mr. Mackay, who spoke on ''The Inheritance of The Saints,'' basing his remarks on Col. 1:12, 13. An interesting programme has been arranged for 1948, as reported by Mrs. R. E. Jones. It is hoped to have at least two pageants in addition to the study book. In a brief business session Mrs. J. C. Warner spoke of finances and Mrs. G. B. Cunningham asked for additional subscribers to *The Glad Tidings.*

MONTREAL AND OTTAWA

MRS. J. R. HILL, 250 COOPER STREET, OTTAWA, PRESS SECRETARY

IN preparation for the Synodical annual meeting, a special meeting was held at the home of Mrs. A. G. Cameron, Ottawa, when reports were read and approved. Present were Mrs. Harcourt Emra, president, Mrs. R. D. Ledgerwood, Mrs. J. Riddell, Mrs. J. R. Hill, and Mrs. A. G. Cameron.

Brockville—The 34th annual meeting of the Presbyterial Society was held in Iroquois, when 1947 reports were submitted, discussed and adopted. Greetings from the Presbytery were brought by the Rev. J. C. Ross. All were reminded to ask each member of their Auxiliaries for a small donation for an expense fund. A quantity of reading matter had been sent to the Frontier College, Toronto, by the Presbyterial. The World Day of Prayer was marked in each town by the Auxiliaries of the different churches; at Morewood an inspiring talk was given by Mrs. Colin McGregor, who gave an interpretation of each petition of the Lord's Prayer.

Lanark and Renfrew—Tender memories of the late Dr. Margaret O'Hara were recalled at the regular meeting of Westminster Auxiliary, Smith's Falls, when a review of her work was given. Mrs. E. M. Peebles, who was in charge of the programme, spoke of Dr. O'Hara, whose home had been in Smith's Falls, and recited a poem ''In the Garden with Jesus'', which she had written in her memory. Mrs. G. Thom read an interesting paper on her life. The hymns sung had been favourites of Dr. O'Hara. Added interest was given by the presence of two nieces of Dr. O'Hara's, Miss Ower and Miss Dockrill; and various curios were exhibited which Dr. O'Hara had brought from India where from 1891 to 1927 she had laboured as a medical missionary. A report of the Presbyterial meeting, prepared by Mrs. C. Haley, was read. An autograph quilt is to be made and sent to Miss Mary Nichol, a member of the group now working in the Bhil Field, India.

Montreal—Many of the Auxiliaries have been using the study book for their monthly meetings. The Evening Auxiliary of the Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul and the Senior Auxiliary of Livingstone Church devoted their meetings to a study of camp work in general. The convener of the Synod's Committee gave a report of work done at the Presbyterian Peace Camp at Lake St. Francis, which was opened on August 1st last, and views of some of the activities and the camp buildings were shown. All were enthusiastic over the facilities provided for the training of our young people for better service for Christ and His Church.

Ottawa—A highlight of the very successful Easter Thank-offering meeting of Gloucester Auxiliary was the inspiring address on ''The New Look'' given by Mrs. J. Logan-Vencta, Presbyterial President. The Rev. J. M. Ritchie conducted the devotions and the reports showed that fine work was being accomplished in the various departments. Mrs. Howard Patterson, Mrs. J. Crowe and Mrs. W. C. Collins assisted during the service. In appreciation of service given throughout the years, Mrs. David Henderson was specially honoured.

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March 31st, 1948

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Life Membership Pins	74.68
A Friend, ''Bursaries for India''	50.00
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A Friend, ''In Memory of Miss Robson, India''	25.00
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Hamilton and London	4,300.00
Toronto and Kingston	3,400.00
Montreal and Ottawa	1,710.00
	$12,929.78

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Mistawasis	60.00
Birtle	158.32
Birtle, Government Grant	2,039.97
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Deaconesses	1,123.63
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Exchange	50.51
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British Guiana	1,128.00
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Formosa	2,510.00
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Grants	1,335.00
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Port Work	72.00
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	$32,956.56

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Interest	$ 45.00
Annuity rates from workers	592.13

Legacy Fund—	
Interest	$ 19.50
Payment on Windermere House	25.00
Estate of Miss MacGregor, through Beechwood Auxiliary	500.00
Estate of Miss Cecilia Jackson, through St. Andrew's Auxiliary, Fergus, for "British Guiana, Miss Anderson's Work"	100.00
"Work in Western Canada under Rev. J. A. Munro"	400.00

Legacy of $100.00 listed through Orillia Auxiliary should have been Midland.

Peace Thanksgiving Fund—	
Interest	45.00
Refund from Candidate	183.00
	$1,909.63

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Legacy Fund—	
American Bible Society, Ukrainian Bibles	$ 300.00
Pension Fund—	
Dominion Government Annuities	1,184.26
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Montreal and Ottawa	4,655	2,961	2,925

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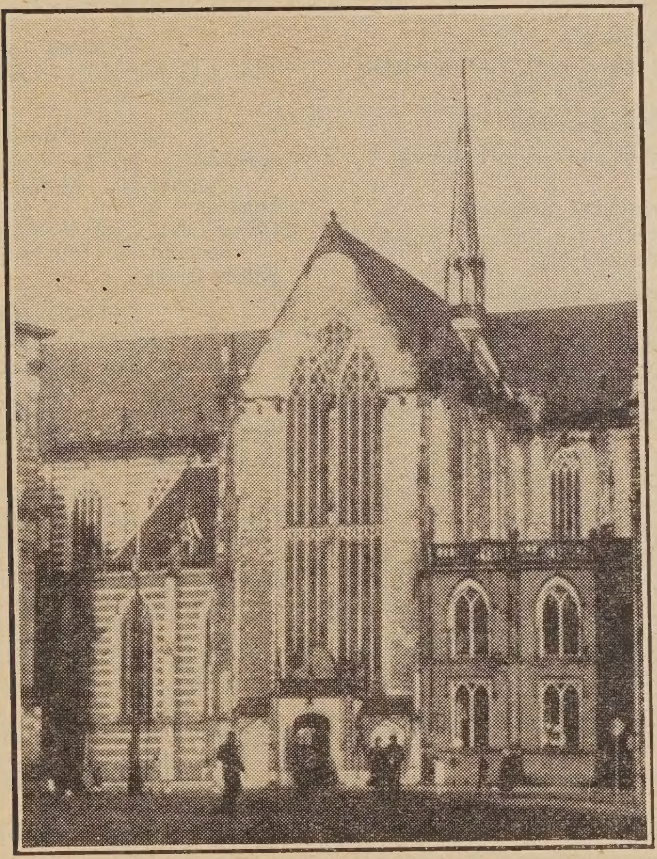

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EDITORIAL

The annual meeting of the Council of the Women's Missionary Society, Western Division, will be held in Olivet Presbyterian Church, Toronto, September 27th to October 1st.

Miss Annie Wilson of Vancouver, who had been for some time giving some help in the Chinese work, became a full-time worker there at the beginning of May.

Word has been received that a new member has been added to the missionary group in Kienshui, South Yunnan, China—Barbara Ruth Ransom, who was born in the Kienshui Hospital on April 30th. The Rev. and Mrs. Malcolm Ransom with their two other children moved from Kunming to Kienshui early in the year.

At the meeting of the World Alliance of Reformed Churches in Geneva and at the first Assembly of the World Council of Churches at Amsterdam our Church will be represented by Principal W. W. Bryden, D.D., of Knox College, the Rev. C. Ritchie Bell of Montreal, and Dr. B. C. Diltz of Toronto. The former meeting opens on August 11th and the latter on August 22nd.

Miss Hermanson, who came to Toronto early in April, was a welcome visitor at the Council Executive meeting on April 13th. She spoke briefly on some aspects of the work in Formosa, emphasizing the pressing need for more missionaries. At Tamsui Miss Dorothy Douglas and Miss Isabel Taylor were very busy with school work, the former with the teaching of English—there was no one else qualified to teach it—and Bible classes, the latter with music in schools and church. Miss Hermanson reminded the members that after the war the schools, which had been under the Japanese Government since 1936, were returned to the Formosan Church. Dr. and Mrs. G. W.

Mackay were again working at the Boys' School. There is Bible study at both schools, and Bible classes outside of school hours. There are not enough Christian teachers, however. More missionaries are needed, "needed *now*, when the opportunity is so great and the need so urgent". The music department that was opened last term in connection with the two schools is filling a great need. Miss Taylor's assistant is a young Formosan minister who is a good teacher and a great help in the work of the school as a whole. In addition to her work in the schools, Miss Taylor trains the choir, and has some private pupils. Our Church was very fortunate, Miss Hermanson said, to have the Rev. R. H. and Mrs. McIlwaine, formerly missionaries in Japan, for work on the east coast where Japanese had to be used. They were doing very fine work among the aboriginal people there; he teaches in the Bible School and she works among the women, especially teaching them how to care for their children. The Bible School had only men students, and as yet there was no worker on the field to train women. Here, too, the need is great. When she first went out to North Formosa, Miss Hermanson said, (she arrived there in February 1932) there were twenty missionaries, and as many even when the boys' and girls' schools had been given up; now there are very few.

Young Women's Secretaries Meet to Discuss Work

A CONFERENCE of Young Women's Presbyterial Secretaries within the Synodical Society of Hamilton and London was held in London in March. Mrs. Munro, Synodical President, Mrs. Wheaton, Synodical Young Women's Secretary, Mrs. C. N. Johnston, Young Women's Secretary of our Women's Missionary Society, and Miss Helen Scott, Young Women's Travelling Secretary, attended the conference as well as the Presbyterial Secretaries. During the three sessions, from Friday evening till Saturday afternoon, much of the time was spent in informal discussion of the work in our Young Women's Department. Among the subjects discussed were—how to interest young women, programme planning, how the Presbyterial Secretary can do her work most effectively. It was felt that this venture had been most worth while and it was suggested that it might be tried in other Synodical Societies or in other departments of our work.

—*Helen N. Scott.*

Mrs. J. A. McClure

ANOTHER break in the close association of the past quarter century comes with the resignation of Mrs. J. A. McClure from membership on the Council Executive. It was felt that the decision to resign must have been necessary or it would not have been made; therefore, it was regretfully accepted.

The one redeeming feature in this occurrence is that it affords an opportunity to express gratitude to Mrs. McClure for the many ways in which she has been of inestimable service to the Women's Missionary Society, especially in its Supply Department. Long before 1925 this was where her interest centred in the Toronto Presbyterial Society—then in the Ontario Provincial Society. In 1933 she became a member of the Council Executive and was appointed assistant to the late Mrs. W. H. Fletcher, Supply Secretary, later taking this office over and carrying on as Secretary to the present time. In addition to a very practical type of mind, Mrs. McClure brought into her activities those qualities of faithfulness and steadfastness which made her indispensable and the Supply Department was one of the most vital and interesting parts of our work. We are grateful also for many other ways in which she helped—as secretary for hospitals and residences, as secretary for British Guiana, and as co-convener of the Committee for St. Margaret's Girls' Centre. We remember, too, her musical talent and how the dignity of the devotional periods at Council meetings and other gatherings was enhanced by her beautiful rendering of the familiar hymn tunes.

Though it is necessary to relieve her of arduous duties, we are not in any sense saying farewell to Mrs. McClure, for we know that she will never cease to be an interested and useful member of the Women's Missionary Society. —*M.L.McM.*

Our readers will be interested in the following note from a letter received by Miss MacMurchy from Miss Neilson, international Secretary of the Women's Missionary Association of New South Wales.

"— . . . The centenary of Dr. Geddie's landing is to be celebrated in the New Hebrides in June this year. I hope my cousin Flora McLennan, also a grand-daughter of Dr. Geddie, will be able to represent the family. The ship which goes monthly from Sydney is out of commission and any passenger travelling is done by air. Two New Hebrides Christian women have come up by plane and are in Victoria. They hope to have them here for the General Assembly in May."

Miss Margaret Wrong

THE members of our Women's Missionary Society would join with missionary women and other friends throughout the world in tribute to the memory of Miss Margaret C. Wrong, secretary of the International Committee on Christian Literature for Africa, who died of a heart attack at Gulu, Uganda, on Sunday April 11th.

During her thirteen years as secretary of the committee she had travelled extensively in Africa. Some months of 1944 and 1945 were spent in West Africa where she visited mission fields, studying conditions in the various countries, and their literature needs. This year she was to spend several months in East Africa. She left London on March 20th and was on her way to Kenya when she took ill at Gulu.

The daughter of Professor George M. Wrong, formerly head of the department of History at the University of Toronto, she was born in Toronto, and attended Havergal College. After graduating from Somerville College, Oxford, she returned to Canada and served as secretary of the Student Y.W.C.A. of the University of Toronto. In 1916 she founded the Women's Union of University College. For a time she was instructor in the departments of English and history. In 1921 she became one of the travelling secretaries of the World Student Christian Federation, with headquarters at Geneva. Later she joined the staff of the British Student Christian Movement in London.

Miss Wrong was peculiarly well fitted both by training and experience for the work to which she devoted herself as secretary of the International Committee on Christian Literature for Africa. Through study, contact with the African people in their own countries, and with students and leaders in Britain or elsewhere, and consultation with officials and missionaries who had been, or were, working in Africa, she gained an intimate knowledge of conditions in the various countries and on mission fields and a sympathetic understanding of the African peoples and their needs, especially in the field of Christian education and literature. In her death the Christian Church has lost an able, consecrated worker, Africa and Africans a true friend.

Besides her father, she is survived by a sister, Mrs. B. C. Armstrong, also of Toronto, and a brother, Hume H. Wrong, Canadian ambassador to the United States at Washington. To them our Women's Missionary Society offers sincere sympathy.

Canadian Church Relief Abroad

FROM the Committee in charge of Canadian Church Relief Abroad comes an urgent appeal for more money to carry on the work. Up to the end of April about 140 tons of used clothing had been received in Toronto and about 65 tons shipped abroad. Additional depots have now been opened in Regina and Winnipeg.

Shipments to Great Britain have been sent to Anglican, Congregational, Methodist, and Church of Scotland agencies for distribution to those in need; shipments to France, to a representative of the Protestant Federation of France; to Greece, to the representative of the Greek Orthodox Church; and to the British Zone of Germany, to the Evangelical *Hilfswerk* (the relief and welfare agency of the Evangelical Churches in Germany). The agencies in France, Greece, and Germany have been approved by the Reconstruction Department of the World Council of Churches. In Japan a Canadian missionary directs the distribution. The Committee hopes to send a shipment to Korea soon. ''The Committee's purpose is to send one-third to Britain, one-third to continental Europe, and one-third to Asia.''

Letters have already come to the committee from the recipients of bales, expressing their gratitude for the help thus given. ''If you could but see what this help enables us to do for under-privileged children, and aged victims of adversity, we are certain you would feel that few gifts could bring the giver more abiding satisfaction. . . . If the scene [when some of the clothing was being distributed] could have been witnessed by those responsible for this gift, we are certain they would have felt that their toil and sacrifice were well worth while.'' So writes the superintendent of the Battersea Central Mission in London. In the Battersea district 29,000 homes were destroyed or damaged in the bombing. Another church agency in London was ''allocating clothing to various Boys' Homes, Motherless Children's Homes, and some very poor parishes in industrial areas, . . . very grateful for this opportunity of relieving cases of very real need.''

The need for clothing is great, and church people in Canada have been, and are, responding well to the appeal for help. *But* this relief work cannot be carried on unless there is money to buy supplies, to meet operating costs, and to pay shipping charges. Many generous contributions of money have been received, but much more is needed.

Designated as Deaconess

IN a service of simple, impressive dignity in Knox Church, St. Catharines, on Friday evening April 23rd Miss Joyce Wooding, a member of that congregation who graduated this year from the Presbyterian Missionary and Deaconess Training School, was designated as a deaconess of The Presbyterian Church in Canada.

The service, which was in charge of the Presbytery of Hamilton, was presided over by the Moderator, the Rev. W. A. J. Graham of Thorold. The Scripture passages from the Old and New Testaments, Isaiah 6: 1-8 and Ephesians 3: 8-21, were read by the Rev. H. M. Coulter, minister of Knox Church, and prayer was offered by the Rev. Allan Cranston. The choir sang ''A Safe Stronghold our God is Still''. The Rev. Drummond W. Oswald, Secretary of the Board of the Presbyterian Missionary and Deaconess Training School, presented the candidate for designation. The service of designation was conducted by the Moderator, following which Mrs. G. D. Ralston, Principal of the Training School, presented Miss Wooding with the deaconess pin and Mrs. J. G. Inkster, President of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.), on behalf of that Society presented her with a Bible suitably inscribed.

In addressing Miss Wooding, Mr. Coulter paid tribute to her work in her own congregation and with the young people in the Presbytery of Hamilton. Such an occasion as a designation, he said, should remind all of the time when they made the decision to follow Christ. Throughout his address Mr. Coulter stressed the supreme importance of always placing Christ in the centre of one's life and work, pointing out that the nearer one walks to Him the more sympathy and understanding one has for the world, for it is ''Christ in whom we place our lives; Christ in whom we trust; Christ whom we obey; Christ whom we serve''. Referring to the deaconess pin, he said that the cross of St. Andrew on it was significant, for St. Andrew was always willing to take second place and always in his faithful service glorified Jesus Christ. To the newly designated deaconess he said, ''May you ever glorify the beauty of the deaconess pin, and may Jesus go with you all the way.''

At the close of the service a reception was held, and the many tributes then paid to Miss Wooding proved the high esteem in which she is held in her home congregation. Presentations were made to her on behalf of the congregation, the Women's Missionary Society Auxiliary, the Young People's Bible Class, and the minister, to all of which Miss Wooding fittingly replied.

Miss Wooding has been appointed by our Women's Missionary Society to serve as a deaconess under the Presbytery of Brandon, Manitoba.

—F. Matthews and L. Reith.

From Formosa

From a letter written to Mrs. Strachan by Miss Dorothy Douglas, Tamsui, Formosa (April 28).

— . . . Everything seems to be going along very smoothly in our school world, and we do not seem to have much time even to know what is going on in any other. . . . We seem to be very busy and the time goes very quickly.

At the beginning of this month the Music Department, pupils and teachers, put on a concert in Taichu, the city in the middle of the Island. We also had a meeting of the graduates of the school who live in that district and everyone seemed to think it was well worth while. We had sixty-four come to the Alumnae meeting from that district and that was more than we expected. Some of them who have married into non-Christian homes are finding it very difficult to keep up a church affiliation, so that we shall need to keep going there at every opportunity.

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In a letter to Mrs. Strachan (March 6) Mrs. G. W. Mackay refers to the Bible Memorizing scheme that the Council in Formosa had suggested be introduced again.

. . . The Gospels of John, for which I have waited so long, arrived by mail, 1,000 of them, four or five days ago. We are exceedingly happy over this. I went next door and told Miss Douglas about them, thinking she might like to start the Bible memorizing in the Girls' School. Her face lit up, and she said that she and the former matron of the Girls' School had just been wondering what to do for reading matter. The Boys' School will soon be at it. The school will have to find their own prizes. Letters have gone out all over the field also. In the Tamsui Church I have listened to forty-four recitations since last August, fifty-five or sixty verses at a time.

"Come Over and Help Us"

Miss Hermanson, who returned to Canada early this year, has told us these two stories, each with its appeal for help in teaching aboriginal people in Formosa the Christian faith.

WHEN, with the Rev. W. Mitchell of Shanghai (China Relief), Miss Hermanson went around the island of Formosa the first year she was back, they spent one night in a small aboriginal village about half way up the East Coast. The people there, she said, had had very little contact with any Christian workers, but they were friendly and very glad to see them. Many brought out their little crosses to show the visitors that they, too, were Christians. Among those who visited them at the inn in the evening were two young men who had a very serious problem to discuss with them. They themselves had heard the Gospel from early evangelists, and had told what they had heard to the village people. These declared their belief in Jesus Christ as Saviour, *but*—and this was what was troubling the two young men—*there was no one to teach them.* The two were trying to, but they realized how meagre their own knowledge was; they felt they knew little more than the others. Here, however, seemed their opportunity. ''These people,'' they said, ''feel they believe, but they know so little; we are the only ones here to teach them, and we don't know how to teach. Don't you think we could have help to teach people that are so anxious to know the Lord?''

That was more than a year and a half ago—is there still no one to help them? Some work is now being done on the East Coast, but not in their district.

Shortly before Miss Hermanson left Formosa toward the end of 1947, she went with a Christian Formosan doctor, two nurses, and a young Formosan minister to a district on the west side of the mountains where another aboriginal tribe lived. Among the tribespeople—over 8,400—there were no Christians, and none among the other people living in that area. Very few had ever heard the Gospel message. During the six days they were there a health survey was made and a clinic held; people in need of medical care were treated and given medicines (from the Canadian Aid to China Committee). Malaria was found to be very prevalent in the district, and various eye diseases were common. While doctor and nurses were finding out about the health of the people and ministering to their physical ills, the young minister was giving the Gospel message to those who came to the clinic, telling them Bible stories and teaching them hymns; in the evening he had classes. Besides, the headmaster of the school, although not a Christian, allowed him to come and teach the 240 pupils there. The keen interest shown by these aborigines in the wonderful story he had to tell made a deep impression on this young minister—he had, he said, "to use all he ever learned to answer the questions they asked". But, of course, it was impossible in six days to reach all the people. The administrative head of the tribe, who was himself one of the aborigines, trained by the Japanese, asked Miss Hermanson to go to his office one day; he wished to discuss with her a matter that was causing him deep concern. When the Japanese were in control, he told her, the aborigines were told what to think, what to say, and what to do; and they were not allowed to mingle with other people outside of their own area. The Japanese tried to teach them the Shinto religion, but the people took no interest in it. Then suddenly, with the departure of the Japanese, they were free, free to live as they wished and go about without hindrance. "But," the official said, "they do not know how to be free; they have no way of life, no philosophy of life. These people need something to live by." He was not a Christian and he knew nothing of the Christian faith, he told Miss Hermanson, but he thought that if his people could know the Christian way of life, it would be a very good thing for them. "Do you think you could interest the Christian Church in sending some one to teach my people?" he asked.

Our Presbyterian Church in Canada has a direct responsibility in North Formosa. People there are *asking* for the Gospel; they are anxious to be taught the Christian faith. But "how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach, except they be sent?"

A Good Time Now

— To introduce *The Glad Tidings* to those in your congregation who are not taking it, or to send it to friends.

— To remind those who forgot to renew their subscriptions earlier, and those who just allowed theirs to lapse, to make sure of having the magazine for the rest of the year.

Why?

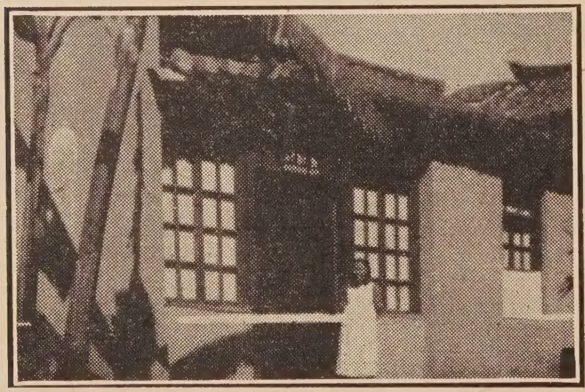
— Special rate from July to end of the year — 25 cents, if sent in a parcel; 30 cents, for individual mailing.

Progress at Kienshui Hospital

From a letter written by Mrs. Gehman to Mrs. Burnett (Kienshui, April 10th).

— . . . In February three students and our business manager were off duty, very ill with something resembling typhus; we called it Kienshui fever. The rest of us were almost exhausted carrying on the work of the hospital and we did rejoice to see them all well again and back on duty. We were happy to welcome Dr. Helen Mackenzie back to our staff after a year at the College of Chinese Studies. Miss Catherine Mackenzie returned at the end of March and now has charge of the ward and the students, and I have the operating-room and the Outpatient department and stores. It is good to be able to share responsibility with some one else.

Last month we had quite a number of very ill patients requiring skilled nursing care and we realized how inadequate our Chinese graduate nursing staff is. (Dr. Clark is trying to find more Chinese graduates, so that we may have more time for language study.) We had two perforated appendix cases and one typhoid patient who would have died but for this Church of Christ in China hospital. Typhoid is prevalent now, and so is diphtheria. The parents of a child who had diphtheria wrote to the local paper about our having done a tracheotomy on their child and thus saved his life. The sad part of it is they usually try Chinese medicine first and come to us when they are at death's door. We had three babies die in hospital last week, because they came too late. A year ago we should not have dared to admit them, but our prestige is growing. Every afternoon there are more people at our Outpatient Clinic, and we are doing more and more operating, too. We offer free vaccination for smallpox three days a week at the Clinic, and we have been vaccinating from twenty to thirty babies and children each day. That is something the people here really believe in. . . .


Outpatient Department, Kienshui Hospital.

We have usually from three to five opium addicts on the ward all the time now. They want to break off the habit; it is becoming so expensive they can no longer afford to smoke. The other day a patient with a gastric ulcer asked to be discharged; he didn't like our treatment. While we were settling his bill, he suddenly developed a very severe pain and his abdomen became very much distended. We gave him a hypodermic, but the pain became worse and worse; then his wife became frightened and told me that a Chinese doctor with her had just given him some Chinese medicine. I told Dr. Chang and he, in turn, told the family we would take no responsibility for any treatment other than our own. As they begged us to help, we did, and he was greatly relieved. When he went home a few days later he was feeling much more kindly toward western medicine. . . .

Dr. Fan and his bride joined our staff last week. (He is a friend of Dr. Chang and also comes from Cheloo University.) They are charming. We are indeed very fortunate to have such excellent doctors in a place like Kienshui, which is considered very much ''back of beyond''. Of course, it is largely due to Dr. Tsui's influence that they were willing to come to us. . . .

On Easter Sunday we held a sunrise service on the north-west corner of the city wall. The view was breath-taking and the quiet and peace of our surroundings brought to mind that first Easter morning. How wonderful to hear our people singing ''He is Risen''! Mr. Ransom and Miss Cranstoun are kept busy helping Mr. Teng with Sunday School and Sunday services and young people's work. Pastor Wen left last month for Kaiyuan to help the Coonradts, who had been without a Chinese pastor.

P.S. Postage to America is now 90,000 air mail. One sometimes wonders where and how it will all end. It now costs us about four or five million dollars a month to live. I'm sure we will feel very poor when we come home. Our cook now gets 1,200,000 per month and all prices are simply fantastic. . . .

Note—It will be remembered that in January 1946 Dr. Helen Mackenzie, her sister Catherine, a nurse, Miss Margaret Cranstoun and Miss Irene Watkins, missionaries of the Presbyterian Church of Victoria, Australia, arrived at Kienshui. After a few weeks, however, they went to the Peiping School of Chinese Studies.

A . . . gladdening fact is that during the year more money has been raised by most of the Auxiliaries than ever before, and again $300,000 is being sent abroad for world-wide work. This surely means that our Canadian and Newfoundland Society is determined to take a worthy share in world evangelism. It is our response to present world needs. . . .

—W. H. Hudspeth, in Report of the Bible Society
in Canada and Newfoundland.

The Amsterdam Assembly

IN August 1948 the first Assembly of the World Council of Churches will be held in Amsterdam, Holland. There between four and five hundred men and women, official delegates of more than 130 churches, representing all the main bodies of Christians in the world, except the Roman Catholics, will meet together from August 22nd until September 4th "to bring into full and formal existence the World Council of Churches which was proposed after the Oxford and Edinburgh Conferences" (1937). Altogether about 1,400 people are expected to attend the services and plenary sessions of the Assembly.

The first steps were taken in 1938 when eighty church leaders met in Utrecht to consider plans for the formation of this World Council. A provisional committee of fourteen was then appointed, and a General Secretary, Dr. Visser 't Hooft. But the war interrupted the work and for ten years it has been a World Council of Churches "in process of formation". At Geneva in February 1946 at the first representative meeting since the beginning of the war it was decided that the 1948 Assembly should be held. This Amsterdam Assembly will, it is hoped, "complete and begin to operate the constitution of this new body for inter-church co-operation".

On Sunday afternoon August 22nd the Assembly will open with a service in the "new church", the Cathedral of Holland, with the five presidents of the Council in charge. Addresses will be given by Dr. John R. Mott, representing the older churches, and Dr. D. T. Niles, representing the younger.

During the past two years preparation has been going on for this Assembly; four international and inter-church study groups have been at work on four aspects of the general subject, "Man's Disorder and God's Design", and the material they have prepared will form the basis of study and discussions at the section meetings.

This spring the Provincial Committee sent a call to prayer to the Churches, requesting that special prayers be offered for the Assembly. "With the blessing of God, this Assembly can mark a new experience of the glory of God, and a new acceptance by Christians and the Christian Churches of their responsibilities for seeking continually to bring the whole of human life and relationships under the Kingship of Christ. . . . The theme of our Assembly is 'Man's Disorder and God's Design'. God rules even in the midst of our man-made confusion. . . . Our first and deepest need is not new organization, but the renewal, or rather the rebirth, of the actual Churches.

May God grant that we may hear the call of the Spirit! . . .

''The World Council of Churches is itself both a declaration of the spiritual unity of its member Churches and a means through which they may express that unity in action. . . .

''We therefore call upon all Christians to join us in earnest prayer that the first Assembly of the World Council of Churches may be used of God for a rebirth of the Churches, and for their rededication in the unity of the faith to the common task of proclaiming His Word and doing His work among all nations.''

From a letter to Mrs. Strachan written by Miss Margaret Brown of the Christian Literature Society, Shanghai (April 9).

—I want to make special mention of my appreciation of the publicity given to my work and that of our Society in your missionary magazine. The latest issue has just come to me with my article, ''A Golden Opportunity for Christian Literature''. I have many warm friends in your Church and it is pleasing to know that they are so deeply interested in Christian Literature, especially in the Society in which I am privileged to serve.

We signed a contract the other day for Hymnals; the sum involved is $1,200,000,000. That we are able to go ahead with such a large contract shows the very fine position of our Society. We have two very attractive books coming from the press now, but they are very small and there are so many, many more needed. You will see by this why your gift is so welcome.

—B. MacMurchy

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The Canadian Overseas Missions Council

THE Canadian Overseas Missions Council held its third annual meeting in Emmanuel College, Toronto, on March 11th and 12th. On Thursday evening there was a public meeting, and the two Friday sessions were open to missionaries, candidates in training, and Mission Board representatives. Dr. W. A. Cameron, Secretary of our General Board of Missions, was the Council chairman.

Since the Council was formed in 1945, Dr. Cameron said, the Boards of the co-operating Churches had been richly blessed through their work together, their fellowship, and the fuller understanding each had gained of the work of the others. Of value to all the Boards had been the discussion of their common needs and difficulties and the accomplishment of some things that could not be done effectively by any one Church, such, for instance, as matters for which Government action was necessary.

On Thursday evening many had the privilege of hearing the Rev. C. W. Ranson, General Secretary of the International Missionary Council. Formerly a missionary in India and secretary of the National Christian Council, and, more recently, secretary of the department of social and economic research and counsel, he was appointed to his new office in July. It was the Whitby meeting, he said, that called him to his new task, upon which he was entering with a profound conviction as to the missionary task of the ecumenical movement and, in particular, the importance of the International Missionary Council as the ''missionary arm'' of the ecumenical movement. The International Missionary Council, he said, links together twenty-six national councils, and about a dozen others in process of formation, representing the greater part of the Protestant forces in their countries. It has a tradition of thirty years' ecumenical service, and looks forward to close association with the World Council of Churches in a task that is essentially one.

To understand the nature of that task, Mr. Ranson said, one must consider the background against which the Church was called to do its work to-day — his subject was, ''The World Church in a World of Ferment''. The sack of Rome by Alaric and the Goths in 410 had a shattering effect on the Roman world, ''not so much because of the social, political and economic disruption as because it paralyzed the minds of men and women who had shared the tradition of stability and order.'' Our world, he said, was witnessing a similar collapse of law and order, with nation after nation ''poised on the edge of economic chaos, and moral and physical, social, and cultural collapse''. ''In such a world God has set His Church and called it to fulfil its mission.'' Its primary task is to *be* the Church, in the fullest sense of the word. . . . It was, he reminded his hearers, when Rome was sacked by the barbarians that St. Augustine wrote *The City of God,* and at that time the only institution that stood, with the seeds of new life within it, was the Christian Church. From it sprang new life, a new world order. So may it be to-day. The Church to-day, as in every age, is called to build the city of God, a living city of men and women born anew by faith in Christ—and that will come about only as the Church is faithful to its task of proclaiming the Gospel. The greatest contribution we can make is to apply ourselves to a deeper understanding of the task to which God has called us. The proclamation of the Gospel, practical service for the relief of material and physical need, the ministry of teaching and healing—such is the work of the Church in the world to-day. On Friday morning Mr. Ranson, in an address on ''Implementing Whitby'', spoke of the International Missionary Council meeting at Whitby and showed how it could be given meaning in the life of the Church. (We had hoped to have an article from Mr. Ranson on this subject for this issue.)

''In the India of To-day''

At the Friday morning session attention was centred on India, where the Anglican, Baptist, Presbyterian, and United Churches all have mission work, and speakers dealt with ''New Factors and Forces in the India of To-day.'' Mr. M. A. Thangaraj and Dr. C. L. Timpany spoke of the relation between Government and missions. Though freedom of worship and of expression had been guarded in India's draft constitution, Mr. Thangaraj said, freedom of conversion had been neither granted nor denied. It might be that there would be more opposition to the work of Christian missions for a time, for to many Christianity still was a ''foreign'' religion, but the missionaries have an opportunity to show the Indian people that they have come as friends to work with their own leaders to serve the country. The value of the missionary's work was recognized, and the Christian ideal of service was very much needed in India. As the pioneer missionaries went out, not knowing whether they would meet opposition or not, so might missionaries now have to go, ''trusting in God and imbued with the ideal of service''.

Dr. Timpany, speaking from the point of view of the missionary, said that missionaries, as guests in India, should co-operate with the Government . . . they should refrain from party politics, but should seek to advance the ideal of service to the whole people. They should co-operate with the Government in educational, medical and welfare work; they should seek contacts with local officials, show that they have an interest in their work, and establish friendly relations with them. ''Praise of their honest efforts may help to smooth out many difficulties,'' he said.

Canon Dixon spoke on some phases of the problem of ''The Church and the Mission''. The problem of the relationship of the Indian Church to the Mission from abroad had been dealt with in various ways. In some cases, the Mission from the beginning had set out to transfer authority; in others, it had been very cautious about relinquishing its authority. A study of devolution in Missions in India showed that the progress of transfer of authority was very uneven, for various reasons—in some cases, the work is older than in others; some is among primitive peoples, where progress is necessarily slower, some among educated people. The problem had been very much accentuated by the events of recent years and months, and now the whole trend was to recognize the Church as the supreme body. The Whitby Conference defined the relationship between older and younger Churches as a ''partnership in obedience'', and that should indicate the relation between Mission and Church. Missionaries should go as partners with the Church in India, all working in obedience to a common call, with a common purpose.

In his ''Educational Forecastings'' Dr. W. S. Taylor of Indore referred to some problems arising in the field of education as they affected Christian schools and colleges, among them, to the higher salaries being asked for teachers—''and the salary scale will inevitably rise further''—which would mean, with no more resources available, that the field of educational work would have to be restricted; to the effect of the introduction of state compulsory education up to the age of fourteen, and of the attitude the Government may take towards private (including mission) schools. Educational work should not be given up, however, because of the rising cost and a state compulsory system for all children. Christian education is needed. It might be that more attention would be given to such fields as theological training, the training of Christian leaders, vocational training, and literature. The enormous cost of compulsory education for all children might cause delay, Dr. Taylor said, but a beginning would be made. Over 2,000,000 new teachers would be needed, about half of them women, and Christian training schools should be able to take advantage of the great opening this affords them.

Speaking of ''Women's Work To-day and To-morrow'', Miss Clara Riggs referred to the great changes that have been, and are, taking place in the position of Indian women—the much larger number of girls in high schools and universities, many entering the professions, and the responsible positions now held by women, even in the political world. In church or mission work those who are to be Biblewomen (or Bible teachers) must be well trained, consecrated women. Every effort should be made to promote literacy and inspire the Indian women to undertake this work until all are literate. And with this goes the great need for books, for attractive Christian literature of all kinds. The importance for India and the Church of work among women can hardly be exaggerated, Miss Riggs said in closing—"Let us unite to give them of our best."

"To-day in China"

At the Friday afternoon session attention was directed to China, three missionaries from that country speaking of work and conditions there. The Anglican mission in Honan was founded less than forty years ago, stated Archdeacon G. A. Andrew, but the Church became autonomous about twelve years ago. In this Church the missionary is a partner, and the Church in Canada helps by sending missionaries and money. When Mr. Andrew returned to China about a year and a half ago he found greater opportunities than before for Christian work, especially among students. In the University of Honan (non-Christian) the authorities invited representatives of the four missions working in the city to help the students in their religious life, setting apart a large room for their use. There they met students, answered questions, and had Bible classes; in other parts of the city, too, students asked for Bible classes. Sunday meetings were well attended—a thousand students gathering in one church to hear the Gospel message and sing. When the Communists came in, however, nothing could be done, and all their missionaries left the field, most of them going to Shanghai, where they are helping the American Mission; the Church in Honan, however, was carrying on. Under the Communists the Chinese churches suffer more where missionaries remain. But, even if they have to leave, the Chinese Church goes on—"and always when the trouble is over, the Church advances".

In Central Manchuria, between 1927 and 1941, the Rev. Allan Reoch said, our Presbyterian Church established fifty churches, and before the missionaries left a Presbytery had been formed. When he went back to Manchuria, while he was doing relief work in North China after the war, forty-four of the churches were still carrying on. A year ago when Szepingkai was shelled for fourteen days, the church and the missionaries' houses were burnt, but services were begun again. The Chinese Christians can carry on, Mr. Reoch said, as they could not, if foreign workers were there with them. And even if they are scattered, the Christians will carry the Gospel with them. His relief work took him to different parts of China—the division and the unsettled conditions of the country, the great numbers of refugees as people fled before the Communists, and inflation made life very difficult. But there were, he said, hopeful signs—the kindliness of the people, the crowds that gathered everywhere to hear the Gospel, and the faithfulness of the Christians. (Mr. Reoch has since left for China again to serve with Church World Service.)

In West China, stated the Rev C. A. Bridgman, there were great numbers that knew nothing of the Gospel, and there was no doubt of the desire for missionaries. Normally in their field (under the United Church of Canada) there were three missionary families and some single missionaries at a centre; then the staff had to be reduced, and work was often left to Chinese workers with no adequate training. Now they are trying to have teams of missionaries and Chinese workers going about to the various stations. He appealed for workers to go and live among the Chinese people in that great area and give them the Gospel message. Contrasting the amount we in Canada spend on missions with the country's liquor bill, when so many millions in the world are starving, one was driven to the conclusion, he said, that as a people we did not care what was going on in the world. A Chinese doctor had given him this message for Canadians: ''China's great need is not money nor institutions, but people who have accepted the leadership of Jesus Christ and His Church, and are willing to be used of Him.''

The Rev. W. H. Hudspeth, for thirty-eight years a missionary in China and for the last twelve years also Secretary of the Bible Society there, who succeeded Dr. J. B. Armour as General Secretary of the British and Foreign Bible Society for Canada, spoke on ''The Christian Movement in Communist Areas.'' Indicating on a map the areas in the hands of the Communists (up to the middle of February), he said they held nine-tenths of Manchuria, many parts of the provinces of North China, and were steadily moving south. Where churches had been established and taken root and had been allowed to develop (as Chinese churches) they were mainly able to carry on in Communist areas. In one place he had visited recently where the Communists had been for a year not only was the church continuing but there had been a revival. Other churches, however, had been weakened by Communist propaganda. Missionaries and Chinese Christians had told him they felt the strain much greater when the Communists were there than during the Japanese occupation, and there was more fear. The Christian Church, he was convinced, could never work with Communism, for Christianity and Communism are diametrically opposed—but Communists may be willing to *use* the Church, he said. During his time in China he had seen Christianity win against Confucianism, Buddhism and Taoism, but in Communism the Christian Church is facing a religion better organized than we are. Missionaries who have been in China for some years see that they must distinguish between Western civilization and Christianity. ''The whole of the East is not convinced that Western civilization is equal to that of the East. We must recognize that the task of missionaries and the whole Christian movement in China is not to establish a Western way of life, but to win men and women to Jesus Christ. . . . There is nothing in the problem of China to discourage us, but we must approach it along new lines.''

Speaking of ''Promotion at the Home Base'', Miss Pelton urged that more thought and effort be given by Mission Boards to the arousing of more interest in the missionary work of the Churches. In the discussion that followed it was suggested that certain kinds of missionary literature, sent out especially to ministers, and ''regional'' or ''neighbourhood'' inter-church conferences might stimulate interest.

The last speaker was the Rev. H. S. Hillyer, who briefly but vividly reviewed the history of the Canadian Baptist Mission in Bolivia, which was celebrating its Golden Jubilee. It owed its success, he said, to divine guidance and the energizing power of Jesus Christ, the sacrificial labours of the missionaries, and the loyal support through the fifty years of the Baptist people throughout Canada. Now there is a Bolivian Baptist Convention, in which missionaries hold no office and have no vote, with eighteen churches; in the Cochabamba Bible College for the training of pastors and national leaders twelve students are preparing for the ministry. Over ten years ago the publication of evangelical literature was begun, and now a magazine is issued, on a subscription basis. In 1942 the Indian serfs on the farm were freed.

From a letter from Mrs. C. P. Young, Jhansi, to Mrs. W. A. McLennan (March 27).

—Everyone was inoculated for plague recently. It is bad again this year. Some of the shops will not serve the people unless they have certificates showing that they have been inoculated. I suppose that is one way to force people to take precautions. Most of them need forcing. . . .I have been inoculated many times for many things, but the inoculation for plague is the only one that ever really bothered me.

Prayer

O KING of Kings and Lord of Lords, we come before Thee rejoicing in the knowledge that Thou hearest us always, and that whatever we ask in Thy name we shall receive.

We confess our sins before Thee. We know that we have failed often to do Thy will, and now, O Father, we pray that we may become more worthy of the service which has been entrusted to us.

We pray for all Thy people throughout the world. Bless our commonwealth of nations and our King. Especially we ask Thy blessing on our own beloved country.

We thank Thee for The Presbyterian Church in Canada and for all her great tradition. Grant that she may indeed be inspired to ''Go Forward'' at this time. We beseech Thee for a great outpouring of Thy spirit on all her people. Be very near to every member of our Women's Missionary Society. For the gallant women who carry on Thy work in remote and lonely places, we pray for a great blessing. May they ever know the joy of Thy presence.

Bless in great measure all our missionaries in the foreign field. We thank Thee for all they have been able to accomplish. Be very near to those just starting work in a new land. Cheer them in loneliness. Encourage them in their efforts. Help those also who are making a change in their place of service. Give to them Thy wisdom and Thy patience. May those to whom they minister be brought to a saving knowledge of Thee and Jesus Christ whom Thou hast sent. May they know great gladness in their new way of life.

We pray also for our home missionaries. Sustain them in difficult times. May they see great results from their labours.

Pour out Thy blessing upon us, O Lord, and upon those whom we bear on our hearts before Thee. These mercies we ask in Jesus' name. Amen.

Lord of the quiet heart, who knew the sound
Of raging streets with anger loud,
Yet walked serene in faith that saw
Beyond the blindness of the crowd—
Help us to find the even way
Through all the clamour of this day.

—Arthur Wallace Peach.

Lessons from the Pomegranate

BY THE REV. A. A. LOWTHER

"They made upon the hems of the robe pomegranates." Exodus 39: 24

THESE words are taken from one of thirty Scripture references to the pomegranate. They describe the design for the hem of the robe worn by the Jewish High Priest. This design was made up of pomegranates worked in coloured linen alternating with bells of fine gold. The pomegranate is a fruit found in many warm countries and if you could see it as it grows in India you would be attracted by its beauty. The tree is from ten to fifteen feet tall, with gracefully arching branches. The fruit, as it ripens, passes through stages of different colouring—green, blue, purple, red. The most attractive feature of all, however, is the scarlet blossom. It shows up to perfection on its background of dark green leaves, often with a deep-hued humming-bird poised at its mouth. This blossom is the shape of a long and slender bell. The bells on the priestly robe, therefore, resembled pomegranate blossoms in pure gold, side by side with richly-coloured representations of the fruit. Thus all the ornamentation spoke of beauty. The engraving on the mitre of the priest defined the kind of beauty God required. It was the beauty of holiness. This was the chief characteristic of the life of Christ. He never wore the robe of the priest, but in His words, His thoughts, His deeds, His whole life, He revealed that beauty of which the robe bore only symbols. It was not an outward glamorous thing but it made Him the altogether lovely One, the fairest among ten thousand. Therefore, He continues to attract multitudes of followers all over the world in each successive generation. Let all who bear His Name seek to reflect the attractiveness of this beauty of holiness also.

Another feature of the Indian pomegranate is the fact that the tree bears fruit for twelve months in the year. At almost any time you may find upon its branches some blossom, some small green fruit and some larger fruit just ripening. Fruitfulness marks the tree and the emblem of fruitfulness was worn by the High Priest to remind his nation that God required fruitfulness in the lives of all His people. The life of Jesus Christ revealed this quality. How much He accomplished in so short a span! Fruitfulness is required in the lives of Christ's followers also. "Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples." If you cut open a pomegranate you will find it very full of seeds, each one bearing promise of a future tree and a continued supply of fruit for the years to come.

Thus should each generation of Christians provide the possibility of increasing fruitfulness for those who come afterwards.

From the juice of the pomegranate Eastern people make a refreshing drink. The seeds are sometimes served as a delicacy. The skin of the fruit and the bark of the wood are also used as a medicine. Refreshment and healing were therefore associated with the office of the Jewish High Priest. They were associated also with the life of the Lord Jesus. ''Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.'' He fed His followers with the bread of life and promised them living water so that whosoever drank thereof should never thirst. He healed the sick, the mentally afflicted, the blind, the halt, the lepers. Above all, He healed the sin-sick souls of men. The world still needs the refreshing grace of His Presence and His healing power.

In Palestine there was a special use to which the pomegranate was put. When the passover lamb was sacrificed, it was roasted upon a spit and the spit was made of the wood of the pomegranate tree. Dean Farrar saw the Samaritans observing the Passover in his day and noted that they used two pieces of this wood. One pierced the sacrifice lengthwise and one was inserted transversely so that a cross was formed. The garment of the High Priest, therefore, contained an obscure hint of the death of the Lamb of God. Centuries before the birth of Christ the sacred ephod and girdle and breastplate all bore the colours of the pomegranate. The embroidered fruit and the golden blossoms on the hem of the robe dimly foreshadowed the cross on Calvary. The Jewish priesthood has long since passed away but Christ is our eternal High Priest. The qualities imperfectly symbolized by the priestly garments are perfectly revealed in Him. Do we who believe in the priesthood of all believers reveal these qualities also? Here is the list of them, all learned from the pomegranate—the beauty of holiness, fruitfulness in the service of God, the power to bring refreshment and healing to others, daily death to self and daily bearing of the cross.

Now unto Him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in His own blood, and hath made us kings and priests unto God and His Father; to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

O feet so strong to climb the path of duty,
O lips divine that taught the words of truth,
Kind eyes that marked the lilies in their beauty,
And heart that kindled at the zeal of youth.

—Frank Fletcher.

Landour and Its Community Hospital

Miss Isabella T. Hunter who sent us over a year ago information about the growth of the Landour Community Hospital, now writes of the work of the hospital, and of the community.

LOOKING at India under present conditions, one would not expect to find there an example of a co-operative community, but Landour is such a community. It is one of the hill stations to which missionaries and others go during the hot weather. It is adjacent to the larger centre of Mussoorie, another several hundred feet higher up. Owing to its location on the mountain side, at an altitude of 7,000 feet, it has no railway connection nearer than Dehra Dun, from which point one climbs by a winding road in a bus, then for the last 1,000 feet on foot or in a rickshaw, a two-wheeled chair drawn by five men, or in a dandy, a wheel-less chair carried by four men.

As the majority of the residents are missionaries, it has been called "the missionary capital of Northern India" and here, through the years, they have established co-operative enterprises. . . . In 1852, Woodstock School was opened; at first a girls' school, it soon became a co-educational institution. From 1874 to 1923 it was owned and controlled by the American Presbyterian Mission, . . . but now it is a union institution, supported and controlled by eight missions. . . . About fifty per cent. of the pupils are missionary children, thirty-six missionary groups being represented in the student body, and more than forty different religious groups, Christians and non-Christian.

—I. Hunter

Travelling by Rickshaw

. . . The Landour Language School was started at this northern point for missionaries who must learn Hindi and Urdu. From a humble beginning made 30 years ago by Miss Lawson of Lucknow, the school has grown until the enrolment is over 220, with a tutorial staff of 35. The student body represents a great variety of missionary groups and several nationalities. . . . Missionary groups co-operate in the Language School and commit the carrying on of the work to a Board which appoints the principal and supervisors. The regular course is two years, from May to September each year. The students, if at all possible, take a pundit with them when they go down to the plains for the winter months (or get one on the field).

[*Other community projects of which Miss Hunter writes are the Hill Villages Mission, the Community Centre, the Woodstock Sale, the Barter Sale, and ''last, but by no means the least'', the Landour Community Hospital.*]

In the Hospital

One day at lunch we were disturbed by much chattering at the door. . . . A delegation of several men had brought a patient for admission, a boy of sixteen years suffering from wounds received in a tangle with a bear. The Himalayan bear is considered the fiercest animal in the mountain regions and his mode of attack is to give a ''hug'' as near the face as possible. Our young patient had been many hours on the way, coming about fifteen miles in a *dandy,* carried by four men. . . . While the lad was being cared for, an Indian woman was admitted. In half an hour she gave birth to a baby boy. Downstairs the patients were arriving for the afternoon appointments. No one demurred at

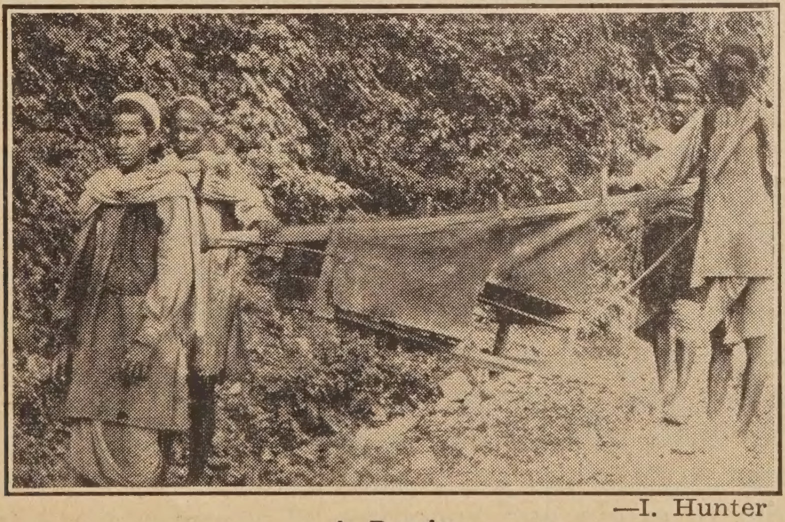
—I. Hunter

Landour Community Hospital

having to wait for nearly an hour. As there was only one doctor on the staff at the time, they realized the difficulty of carrying out a schedule when emergencies arrived on the door-step. It was the day of the hospital prayer meeting and members of the Board arrived at tea-time. The doctor was ready for the meeting and led the group of interested friends in offering praise and thanks to the Heavenly Father for His guidance and help in the past and in presenting the needs of the hospital to Him once again.

About 9.30 p.m. the second bear-torn patient arrived, a boy of eighteen years. His wounds were not so severe as those suffered by the first boy and he was soon clean and comfortably settled in bed. The two of them had been gathering grass in one of the mountain fields, when the bear attacked the younger boy, and the other came to his rescue. The boys have been interesting patients, particularly the younger one. He has provided many a laugh for the staff by his remarks to the doctor and nurses. He would say to the nurse, "With one hand hold my head and with the other hold my hand." When the doctor was doing his dressings, he would say to her, "Now wait, wait till I get my breath."

A third accident case arrived early the next morning. As there are no motors on the hillside, we never have to deal with traffic accidents, but no season is complete without a case of a fall down the *"khud"*, as the hillside is called. The roads are, in many places, little more than paths and one false step will result in a fall of several hundred feet. This man, besides breaking his leg, had dislocated it, and had deep gashes above and below the break, as well as gashes on the back of his head and on his face, and a bad sore on the other leg. It was with



—I. Hunter

A Dandy

considerable difficulty that the doctor was able to set the leg and it was fully a week before the man was able to rest with any degree of comfort. His knee will always be weak, but at least it will be whole and, in due time, he will be discharged to return to his village home far off in the hills.

. . . Among the European patients some come to get rid of amoeba, that bug which causes so much distress to many missionaries in India; some have various forms of fever and other aches and pains, some very serious and some not so serious. The nursery is seldom without one or more babies, while happy mothers regain strength and proud fathers come daily during visiting hours.

The interesting cases frequently come from among the Indian people from the nearby bazaars and the far-off hills. During the spring the men's ward was taxed to capacity with workers suffering with malaria in a particularly virulent form. There have been cases of typhoid fever and other patients with less serious types of fever. Operative cases come and go. Here is a man who will be able to see again when he recovers from his cataract operation, and another who will walk with comfort and proudly show the piece of shrapnel taken from his leg just below the knee. In the women's ward, the patient with the elaborate splint arrangement is wondering how much longer she will have to stay. She is happy in the hospital, happier than when she was at home, but home is calling her. She came in the early weeks of the season and will probably stay until the hospital closes for the winter. She is a typical independent hill woman who for many years had worked her little farm holding and had cared for the needs of her family in a neighbouring hill village. Sure-footed as the goats and cattle she so often followed, she made many trips up the mountain tracks to the wooded slopes to obtain fuel, carrying the heavy bundle back on her head. One day a dislodged boulder fell and struck the back of her leg. . . . Two days later she arrived at the hospital, a filthy rag covering the gaping wound in her knee joint and the hole from which the ends of the broken bones had protruded. . . . Thanks to penicillin and other modern helps, healing has proceeded without complications, and we have good reason to hope for a sound, healthy leg, so that she may once again go on her ''daily round and common task'' up rocky crags and jagged peaks.

The little boy who is now so cheery and bright is quite a different person from the little wild-cat boy we admitted. He no longer screams when the nurses go near him but is such a good little boy that they are ''treating'' him to candy and spending off minutes playing with him and being amused by him. A very serious burn on his thigh had been allowed to heal without proper medical attention and the boy lived in a world of fear born of his suffering and pain. . . .

An interesting patient was a Tibetan who was a *sherpa* (guide) with the Swiss Himalayan expedition. They were over 22,000 feet up the mountainside when the *sherpa's* crampons caught together; he fell forward and slid almost 1,000 feet, taking the mountaineer with him, to land on a slope of soft snow. The mountaineer's injuries were superficial, but the *sherpa's* left leg was broken, his right leg injured, and there were many cuts on his head. The members of the expedition made him as comfortable as they could in a crevice in the mountainside, but it was a day and a half before they could return with coolies to carry him to a hospital. . . . It took the party three weeks to cover the miles down the mountainside and through the rough country to Landour. Knowing it would be a long time before the *sherpa* could be well, the liaison officer, who arranged for his admission, paid a sum of money and, like the Samaritan in the parable, said, "Whatsoever thou spendest more, when I come again, I shall repay thee." Several members of the expedition came for the *sherpa.* They had succeeded in conquering the height and we had made the patient well. Though he then lacked the confidence to walk without his crutch, in time he may lead another party to the summit of one of these great peaks.

The staff is happy to discharge patients who have become well in body, but there is a deeper joy when the message of the Gospel has touched a life so that the patient goes home with healing of soul as well as of body. Many European patients pay tribute to the spiritual help and strengthening received while in the hospital. Our prayers follow the printed word as it is carried back to the bazaars and villages, that it may be a seed fallen on good ground to bring forth a harvest in the Father's good time.

Clouds

— *His favour is as a cloud of the latter rain.*—Prov. XVI, 15.

Their treasure, cull'd from many seas,
They drop upon the land,
And leaf and blade, a waiting throng,
With still, uplifted hand,
Receive the token of the rain —
The Love which kindled Shinar's plain.

Expectant hearts God's orchards are.
Each bough, an Aaron's wand,
He touches, and the blossoms break
About His shining hand.
Old Care becomes a singing sprite,
And every tear a chrysolite.

—W. F. Young, in *Life and Work.*

Church Women in Germany

In "The Trailmaker" (Church of Scotland) Mrs. Ida M. Bell writes of her visit to the British Zone of Germany in October as a member of a delegation of eight British Churchwomen. They went "on a mission of friendship, to show to the women of German Churches that the Christian women of Britain were concerned about them and the problems and difficulties they were facing; and to try to find out if there were any means of helping". After telling of the ruined cities, the want, the misery, and the hopelessness of the people, she concludes with the following about the women of the Church.

. . . In such surroundings the Churches raise a standard of hope. They have a message for young and old, and valiantly the leaders—weary and overwrought though they be—are striving to spread it. Within the Churches were those who were courageous in their opposition to, and defiance of, Hitler, and in spite of his persecution and the imprisonment of many they continued to preach and teach and console through the years of Nazi rule.

We found the women of the Churches active in all relief work, in distributing the food and clothing sent in from other countries, in running canteens in the stations crowded with refugees and returned prisoners. They were looking after homes for the aged, for young girls needing protection, and nursing the sick in hospital. They are rebuilding the youth work of the Churches and to their summer camps came ten thousand lads and girls. They run the kindergartens. They are overcoming the difficulties of lack of buildings and materials with great courage in the spirit of the Salvation Army woman who had built her own little meeting house out of bricks gathered from the ruins and cleaned by herself; or of the teachers of the kindergarten who were clearing away rubble and making a playground. They are teaching the young mothers often left with the responsibility of bringing up the children how to build a Christian home. They are seeking to fill the empty hearts of the people with the knowledge of the love of God and to show the young that Jesus Christ can give to their lives purpose and direction and that in His service can be found truer joy than in self-seeking, whether it be for an individual or a nation.

The Christians of Germany have been so long cut off from those in other lands that they are very conscious of isolation and loneliness. They welcome all tokens of friendship from Christians in Britain. Material help such as food and sewing materials and used clothing are needed, but even more the letter that would accompany the gift telling of the Christian Group which had sent it, and of its desire to express the belief that we who serve Christ are one in Him whatever barriers seem to divide us; and that all must seek to build His Kingdom in the World.

World Day of Prayer Service in West China

Miss Louise B. Foster, of the staff of the Union Theological College in Chengtu, West China, writes of their World Day of Prayer service and of the use made of the money sent from the 1947 World Day of Prayer offerings for Christian literature.

— . . . I want to try to make you see our Day of Prayer service as we held it in Chengtu. The place was the Baptist Church, a church of which I am very fond as it is a Chinese building and not too large. There were about 120 women present and a ''sprinkling'' of men. The church is very simple, but also very attractive with its red pillars, red varnished pews, which are quite a recent addition, red altar and reading desk. Instead of a stained glass window above the altar, there is lattice work with the circle and the square, symbols of Heaven and Earth, and beautifully painted Chinese sentences—''Glory to God most High'' and ''May Jesus be exalted''. Two potted palms stood one at each side of the platform and the flowers were narcissi and *''mei iwa''*, which resemble peach blossoms. The windows of the church are also of simple lattice work, with no glass but with white paper behind the lattice, and in the centre of each window red paper in the shape of a cross.

A group of boys from the Blind School occupied the front seats at one side of the church and joined heartily in the hymns they knew. Ten young women took part in the service and it made my heart glad to see that every one of the ten had been one of my girls, either at Normal School or Women's College or Theological College. Two were wives of pastors, one a deaconess in the Anglican Church, one in literature work, one a doctor's wife, another a teacher, and four students from the Theological College. I believe the order of service for next year is to be written by a Chinese woman. Truly

In Christ there is no East nor West,
In Him no South nor North,
But one great fellowship of love
Throughout the whole round earth.

I bought between 80 and 90 dollars' worth of books, mostly in Toronto, some in Shanghai. These will be added to our Theological College library or given to those of our graduating students who can make best use of them. I also bought coloured pictures for our College girls to use when they go visiting in homes or doing work on evangelistic teams. Next week a team will be going out from the College and they will use up most of what I have on hand. I still have some money which can be used to purchase such supplies as are available here. I also subscribed for the *Woman's Magazine* and the *Children's Monthly* in Chinese for our Theological College library. Now I am planning to prepare a small Prayer Room in our girls' dormitory, a place where we can go at any time for prayer and meditation. It will be very simply furnished and I hope to buy, with the balance of your gift, a picture or two for the walls or a cross for the little altar. . . .

A Literature Experiment in South India

EVERY Friday from all villages within a radius of ten or twelve miles crowds of people come, walking, or, if they are wealthy, in bullock bandies, to Nagari shandy. The vast majority are non-Christians and caste people, at present largely untouched by the Gospel. There are no Christian schools in their villages; no preachers go to them; they know that in the outcaste villages around them there are people called Christians, but that is all.

Why not, we thought, have a literature stall in the shandy? So one morning we did. We asked the police whether a licence was required, and they looked at us suspiciously and enquired whether we were going to sell subversive or proscribed literature. Upon a solemn assurance that we were not, they said, ''All right, as long as you don't trespass on the public road.'' So we established ourselves under a tree, and set up our stall. A crowd immediately collected, and watched in silence as we spread out our wares. For half an hour they watched. Then suddenly someone bought a two-pie book (a pie is one-twelfth of a penny). That was the signal for which they had waited, and with one accord they descended upon the stall. We were mobbed —all in good will, but creating problems, for we were unprepared for such a reception. That day we took Rs. 16-4-10, and since most of the booklets were pre-war stock at two pies each, about two thousand booklets went that day into non-Christian homes.

That first enthusiasm has not been repeated, partly because the novelty is over, but mainly because the new books are more expensive, and people around Nagari are not yet convinced that books are important enough to spend money on. But on succeeding occasions we have felt that it was well worth while, for in addition to selling books we display large pictures supplied by the Christian Literature Society, tell Bible stories to the crowds that collect, and have conversation with men and women from villages all round. One man bought a book called *The Way of Salvation,* and asked many serious questions. Others are eager for books of prayers.

Several times since, people have come to the bungalow saying, "Why have you no stall in the shandy to-day?" The answer is always the same. "We cannot spare the time." Then the books are brought from the cupboard, and there is a sale in the office. One boy comes frequently from a village outside our area. "No one has ever been to my village to sell books," he says. "If you came you would have a great sale." The opportunity is there, and must be grasped as far as we are able to grasp it, for it seems clear that in the evangelism of these caste villages literature will be one of our strongest weapons.

—Margaret Valentine, in *World Dominion,*
March-April 1948.

New Organizations

Saskatchewan

Moose Jaw Presbyterial Society—Mission Band, Knox Church, Moose Jaw. Leader, Miss Grace Burton.

Manitoba

Winnipeg Presbyterial Society—Canadian Girls in Training group, St. John's Church, Winnipeg. Leader, Mrs. R. Ross, 308 Atlantic Avenue.

Toronto and Kingston

Kingston Presbyterial Society — Mission Band, re-organized, St. Peter's Church, Madoc. Leader, Mrs. M. W. Heslip.

North Bay Presbyterial Society—Explorer Group, Burk's Falls. Leader, Mrs. D. Graham.

Toronto Presbyterial Society—Mission Band, re-organized, Dovercourt Road Church, Toronto. Leader, Mrs. Norman Baker, 125 Havelock Street. Young Women's group, Weston. Pres., Miss Maude Traviss; treas., Miss S. McCagherty; sec., Mrs. Campbell Roy, Scarlett Road.

LITERATURE PAGE

Miss Louise A. Reith

AS the summer holidays approach, it is a good time to look back over the months that have passed and ask ourselves, ''What have we missed reading among the supplementary books available during the past months?''

Most of the Auxiliaries have been using OUR COMMISSION IN CANADA AND OVERSEAS. Many books have been mentioned and listed as suitable supplementary reading books, among them — Have you read THE KINGDOM WITHOUT FRONTIERS by Hugh Martin and THE WAY OF THE WITNESSES by Edward Shillito and been made to think again of the missionary purpose of God as outlined in the Bible? Have you read COMMITTED UNTO US by Willis Lamott and through its pages viewed the Church's task around the world and on this continent and become more aware of the responsibility that rests upon us as professing Christians? Have you read GREAT IS THE COMPANY by Violet Wood and come to know the great company of men and women who have laboured down through the years that the Bible might be read by people all over the world in their own languages? Have you read THE GEDDIE CENTENNIAL ADDRESSES, which tell of the pioneer Presbyterian missionary who went from Canada to the South Seas in 1848? Have you read TOMORROW IS HERE by Dr. Latourette and W. Richey Hogg, an interesting account of the Conference in Whitby, Ontario, last summer, which helps us to feel ''the sweep of the world Church'', to realize anew the power of the Gospel and the immensity of the task before the Church? Have you read DAUNTLESS WOMEN by Winifred Mathews, the life stories of the wives of some of the well-known early missionaries? Have you read CHRISTIAN WORLD FACTS 1948 which helps us to make contact with fellow Christians around the world?

If there are children in your home, have they read such books as MY STORY BOOK ABOUT THE BIBLE by Mabel Niedermeyer (for Primary), AROUND THE WORLD WITH THE BIBLE by Gertrude J. Rinden (Junior), STORIES OF THE BOOK OF BOOKS and FAR ROUND THE WORLD by Grace W. McGavran, CHURCH BELLS CALLING by Muriel Beaton Patterson, and KE SOONI, the story of a little Korean girl by Virginia Fairfax and Hallie Buie?

If you or your family have not yet read all these books, plan to take at least some of them with you and to read them on your summer vacation.

AUXILIARIES

Mrs. W. A. McLennan and Miss E. L. McClelland

The Supply Secretary

WHEN the Auxiliary Supply Secretary receives the allocation from the Presbyterial Supply Secretary she should present it to the Auxiliary for its acceptance. The Auxiliary should decide how the allocation will be met.

As the Auxiliary Treasurer must keep an account of all monies received, she shall provide from the Supply Fund such amounts as are required by the Supply Secretary for the work of the supply department, and shall remit the balance in the Supply Fund to the Presbyterial Treasurer as Supply money.

If the allocation includes new supplies or used clothing, the Supply Secretary should plan to have this filled. If Christmas gifts are asked for, they should be *new* and it is better if they are not wrapped, but the decorative papers could be sent with the gifts. This saves unwrapping when deciding to whom the gift should be given. Used clothing should be in good condition and suitable for the place to which it is to be sent. The oversight of this is the responsibility of the Supply Secretary.

All supplies should be forwarded to the Presbyterial Supply Secretary in time for shipment in September, with the name of the Auxiliary, a list of the articles sent and their value. (Used clothing should not be valued.)

YOUNG WOMEN

Mrs. C. N. Johnston, *Secretary*

AT the meeting of the International Missionary Conference at Whitby in July 1947 one of the most memorable experiences, many delegates have said, was when several first generation Christians told the story of their conversion.

Among these was Chen Wen-yuen, the son of a Confucian scholar, who was brought up according to the Confucian tradition. At the age of thirteen, however, he was sent to a Christian school. This was his first contact with non-Chinese people, with the Bible and with the Christian Church. Finding much there that he felt was hostile to his thinking, he joined a student group opposed to the Christian religion, and shortly became its ringleader.

Among the students, however, was one to whom he was very much attracted, the president of the student Y.M.C.A. and leader of the Student Volunteer group. They became friends and finally Chen, although he hesitated because of not wanting to have anything to do with Christianity, decided to share a room with his friend, who agreed not to talk to him about the Christian faith.

Every Sunday afternoon the Christian student went out with one of the missionaries to preach on street corners. As the months passed, Chen became curious. What did these Christians preach about? One afternoon he went with his friend to find out, and was deeply impressed by what he said. When an older man in the crowd attacked the speaker, saying that anyone who became a Christian became a foreigner, Chen defended his friend. ''If Christianity is true,'' he said, ''it cannot be foreign.''

That night Chen could not sleep. He had been more deeply affected than he realized by the intimate contact, day by day for months, with his Christian roommate and, as he thought of the afternoon's experience, he ''realized that he was living without Christ''. The morning sun lighted up the picture above his friend's bed, of Christ praying in Gethsemane, and Chen's heart was stirred by it. ''I saw that Christ was praying for sinners,'' he said. ''He was praying for me. I went over and knelt by my friend's bed before that picture and something then and there happened to me. I told my friend that my battle was over. When I went outside the whole universe seemed wonderfully different, more beautiful. Even the words of Confucius and the other sages seemed more vivid than before. It was a new world and I was a new creature in it.''

Life was not always easy for him. He felt he must tell his own family. His grandmother, 64 years old, was the first of them to become a Christian; she was the oldest of the family and he was the youngest. Then they two began to win the others. ''She worked from the top down and I from the bottom up, and to-day the great majority of my family are Christians.''

From his own experience, Bishop Chen said, he had learned four things—that God has various ways of communicating His Word; that a little incident in life may serve as a channel through which God speaks to man; that God's Word fulfils the sayings of the Chinese sages, enriching, completing and bringing them back to life; and that God's Word has an explosive power, growing and overflowing one's life.

—*Helen N. Scott.*

GIRLS and LEADERS

Mrs. Harold Keefer, *Secretary*

ARE you going to camp this year? Now is the time to begin to make plans to enjoy one of the most pleasant and profitable experiences in the life of a teen-age girl.

Our records show that each year more of our Presbyterian girls are being introduced to camp life. Last year 331 girls attended camp—about one-eighth of the total number registered in our department. We are very glad to note that more of our girls are taking advantage of the fine camps to be found through our Western Division. Amidst beautiful surroundings, beside a lovely lake, and sufficiently far away from their everyday environment, the fortunate people who come are able to relax in mind and body and so be ready for the building up that all campers experience.

What has "camp" to offer? It has companionship, Bible study, training in handicrafts, supervised sports, such as swimming, hiking, volley-ball, basket ball, etc., nature study, and many other interesting and instructive pursuits. Perhaps more than anything else camp teaches us one of the most important things in life—how to live with others and how to get along well with those with whom we come in contact. If we really learn this, our whole lives will be changed and enriched.

To girls who are hesitating about going to camp this year we would say, Decide to go now and discover how splendid it is to live for ten glorious days with girls of your own age who enjoy doing the same things as you do.

To parents who would like to know more about camps we would suggest discussing the matter with the girls' leader in the congregation, or writing for further information to their Provincial camp committee or to our Girls' Work Secretary, Room 809, 100 Adelaide St. West, Toronto 1, Ontario. Our camps are all thoroughly and capably supervised.

If some readers belong to churches where there is lack of leadership, we would remind them that many fine leaders have been found as a result of sending to camp young people who showed signs of leadership ability. At camp this ability was developed and many churches to-day are reaping the benefit, because some group was sufficiently far-sighted to make it possible for a potential leader to go to camp. This has been done by many young women's groups, the Session of the church, and by the Sunday School.

The following are the dates for our Presbyterian girls' camps in five Synods—

Alberta—Camp Kannawin, Sylvan Lake, August 5-15.
Saskatchewan—Buena Vista, July 14-23.
Christopher Lake, July 26-August 4.
Manitoba—Shoal Lake (Boys' and Girls' Camp) July 6-20.
Ontario—Kintail, July 10-19.
Glen Mohr, Intermediate, August 3-13.
Senior, August 13-23.
Eastern Ontario and Quebec—Lancaster, July 2-12.

CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT

Mrs. W. N. Ferguson, *Secretary*

Explorer Leaders, Attention!

A READING Guide and Correspondence Course on *The Explorer Guidebook* has just come off the press. Its purpose is explained in the introduction to the Guide—"You are, or are about to become, a Counsellor of Explorers. To prepare yourself for your leadership, a study of *The Explorer Guidebook* is necessary. This Reading Guide will help you to become an understanding leader. If you are interested in securing a credit in the Children's Specialization Curriculum, use this Guide as a basis for a Correspondence Course. Fill in the answers to the questions asked throughout the Guide. Send the completed Reading Guide to your denominational headquarters for marking and certification."

The cost of the Guide is fifteen cents (.15), and it may be obtained from the Women's Missionary Society, Literature Department, Room 800, 100 Adelaide Street West, Toronto 1.

Any leader, or prospective leader, who answers the questions asked throughout the Guide should be familiar with the Explorer programme, and should have an understanding of the characteristics and needs of Juniors. The following is taken from the concluding paragraph of the Reading Guide—"Yours is the privilege of taking each *as he is* and helping him to become *what he ought to be—what God wants him to be.* Has your study given you new insight and a new urge to use the opportunities of a weekday programme to this end? Has it challenged you to greater devotion to the task of Christian leadership? Perhaps, like Paul of old, you will say: 'Reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.' ''

Home Helpers' Leaflets

The number of requests for the Children Home Helpers' leaflet, ''Calling Our Children'', has been encouraging. We hope that these Home Helper members are being reported to Auxiliaries in places where there is no children's group in the congregation.

Camp

We are hoping that a number of our children's leaders will attend the leadership camps which are being included in camp programmes this summer. For those who are especially interested in children's work, there will be discussion, suggestions and demonstrations relating to the work of our Children's Department.

Is a children's camp being planned for your district? If so, will you who are leaders do all you can to encourage and make possible such a holiday for some of your children? A week or ten days at camp can do much for a Junior.

THROUGH THE SOCIETY

BRITISH COLUMBIA

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North Vancouver, Press Secretary

KAMLOOPS-Okanagan Presbyterial—In traditional Okanagan sunshine a representative group of members from Penticton, Salmon Arm, and Armstrong met with the Vernon Auxiliary in Knox Church, Vernon, on April 14th for the Presbyterial Annual Meeting. Mrs. Ferguson presided. Morning devotions were conducted by the Rev. W. L. Clow of Penticton, Mrs. Wilcox offered a prayer of remembrance, and a period of silent prayer was observed for Mrs. W. B. McKechnie, who was very ill. The Rev. Mr. Ross of Salmon Arm conducted the afternoon devotions. The treasurer, Mrs. Hall, gave her usual satisfactory report. In an able address on ''Our Commission'' Miss Sybil D. White, Synodical president, spoke of the work of our Women's Missionary Society. She also conducted the election and installed the new officers. Flowers were presented to the retiring president, Mrs. Ferguson, by Mrs. Stone of Salmon Arm. The hospitality of the Vernon Auxiliary members added greatly to the success of this splendid meeting.

Westminster Presbyterial — At their Easter Thank-offering meetings, Auxiliaries had special speakers. To the Marpole Auxiliary on March 30th Miss

Burdick spoke on her work as a missionary in Formosa. Her address was much appreciated. Mrs. E. E. Cox, who had served three years as president, was honoured by the members, also two Junior Mission Band members, Clara Finch and Beverley Brownie. Mount Pleasant Auxiliary was extremely fortunate in having the Rev. Orville Daniel, Th.D., an outstanding Baptist missionary from Southern India, speak to the members. At present at home on furlough, he is engaged in translation work. Christian workers would be more in demand than ever now, Dr. Daniel thought; the value of higher Christian education was recognized. The Synodical and Presbyterial presidents were present and took part in the programme, and the Rev. Mr. Vickert, a missionary returning to West China, pronounced the benediction. Fairview Auxiliary had Miss Statler of the Canadian Sunday School Mission as speaker. Mrs. McKenzie Walker, a member of the Women's Missionary Society since 1898 and first president of this Auxiliary, paid tribute to the Rev. and Mrs. M. Nicholson for their splendid work at Fairview.

On March 29th 118 children attended the Presbyterial's spring rally for Mission Bands and Explorer Groups, held in Fairview Church; several groups took part in the programme. Miss Annie Wilson, leader of the Chinese Mission Band, showed slides of the Women's Missionary Society work in Canada and India. Mrs. J. Blott, Synodical Children's Secretary, presented the banner to West Point Grey Mission Band for the highest average attendance during the past term.

St. Stephen's senior Auxiliary, North Vancouver, held their Thank-offering service in the church on the evening of April 22nd. The different organizations were well represented, and each had some part in the programme. Miss Sybil D. White, Synodical President, clearly outlined our missionary work in Canada and overseas. The Rev. H. A. Berlis unveiled a gift presented to the church in memory of the former Auxiliary president, Mrs. W. W. McGregor.

ALBERTA

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EDMONTON Presbyterial Society—The Auxiliary at Blueberry Mountain (Peace River) is busy making a quilt for Kannawin Camp, Sylvan Lake. It has sent fifty pounds of "relief" clothing, and many new books and toys for children, also eight "friendship kits", four with toilet articles and four with sewing requirements.

At the Day of Prayer service a beautiful pot of tulips was in bloom. The bulbs had been sent from Holland by the mother of one of the members.

SASKATCHEWAN

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THE thirty-fourth annual meeting of the Synodical Society was held on March 31st in First Church, Regina, the president, Mrs. Wm. Kelly of Moose Jaw opening the meeting with prayer. The theme, "To the Work", was developed in the devotional services—"Ready for the Work" (Prince Albert Presbyterial); "Zealous in the work" (Moose Jaw); "Diligent in work" (Regina Evening Department); "Unweary of Work" (Saskatoon Presbyterial); "The Unfailing Reward" (Regina Presbyterial).

A letter of greeting from Mrs. Inkster, president of the Women's Missionary Society, Western Division, brought inspiration for the sessions; our watchword was ''Advance''—''Speak to the children of Israel that they go forward.''

The reports showed that the Synodical Society had gone over its allocation, but that in some cases membership had decreased, possibly owing to removals from the province; in all organizations there was interest and activity. The Rev. N. D. Kennedy, bringing the Synod's greetings at the luncheon hour, spoke of this interest and activity and asked for more devotion and consecration. There was, he said, a great need for more men and women to serve the Church.

Miss Ruby Walker, regional secretary for Manitoba and Saskatchewan, was a tower of strength during the entire meeting. She took part in the discussions on the work and filled her hearers with enthusiasm to take back to their Presbyterials and Auxiliaries. She gave a vivid account of the work in Canada, referring especially to the three Indian schools, the Ukrainian and Chinese work, and the summer camps, concluding with an appeal for workers both for overseas fields and for our deaconess fields in Canada; the need is desperate, she said.

At the evening session Rev. J. P. Schissler of Swift Current gave an address, based on the words, ''To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light'' (Acts 26:18). There was at all sessions a distinct call for leaders and for more workers.

Saskatoon Presbyterial — The new Biggar Auxiliary, now called the Rosalind Goforth Auxiliary, reports that meetings have been interesting and well attended.

The Thank-offering meeting of St. Andrew's, Rosetown, was well attended, with 30 present. The Young Women's Auxiliary invited the senior Auxiliary to meet with them for this meeting. Mrs. L. Clarke, the Young Women's Auxiliary president, read a very interesting paper on ''The Meaning of Easter'', and Mrs. R. Manning gave a well prepared and interesting report of the Presbyterial annual meeting in Saskatoon.

St. Andrew's Auxiliary, Saskatoon, had as speaker at the Thank-offering meeting Miss Isabel D. Scott, secretary to the Rev. J. A. Munro, M.C., Superintendent of Western Missions. Miss Scott stated that the ''Advance for Christ and Peace Thank-offering'' would mean definite advance for the Church in the West. She referred to the opening of the Western Missions office in Saskatoon and to the appointment of two assistants to the Superintendent, the Rev. Malcolm A. Mark and the Rev. Dillwyn T. Evans. It is hoped to strengthen the work already established and to extend into new areas. It was the responsibility, not of ministers alone, but of every member and adherent of the Church, she said, to share in the ''Advance''; the great need for ministers, deaconesses and other trained workers presented a tremendous challenge to the young people to-day, and the Church must be equipped adequately to meet the needs in Canada and overseas. Mrs. Ross Downey gave an interesting report of the annual Synodical meeting.

MANITOBA

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BRANDON Presbyterial Society—St. Andrew's Auxiliary held their Easter Thank-offering meeting on April

6th. Mrs. G. W. Ferguson conducted the devotional service, and Mrs. Harold Sharpe spoke on the ''The Rich Young Ruler''.

Superior Presbyterial Society — The Thank-offering meeting of St. Andrew's Auxiliary, Fort William, on April 15th was well attended, despite the very stormy weather. Mrs. C. LeCocq and Mrs. J. Wilson led in the devotions. The special speaker was the Rev. James Taylor of Slater River Baptist Church, who gave a very fine address on the subject ''Now is the Hour'', or Christ's command, ''Go Ye''. Mrs. F. Blain called attention to books on display, and gave a short outline of the contents of several.

Winnipeg Presbyterial Society — Old Kildonan Auxiliary's Thank-offering meeting on April 14th was well attended. Mrs. R. B. Anderson conducted the devotional exercises. An address was given by Miss Ruby Walker, who based her remarks on Jesus' command to His disciples to continue His work, beginning at Jerusalem and gradually widening the circle till it encompassed the whole world. Christ's followers must still be missionaries, beginning in the home and reaching out to the community, to the home mission field, and to fields abroad till all the world should know that Christ died to save all men.

Stonewall Auxiliary's Thank-offering meeting was held at the home of Mrs. A. N. McDonald on April 1st, when the speaker was Mrs. J. P. Duffin of Winnipeg, whose very timely subject was ''Man's Relation to God''; she referred to man's God-given powers, his disobedience, and God's patience and forgiving love, the latter proved through the life, death and resurrection of Christ. Miss J. Nisbet gave a short reading on ''The Highest Culture'', which was also appreciated.

The Thank-offering meeting of First Church, Winnipeg, was addressed by Miss Hildur Hermanson, missionary nurse from Formosa, who spoke of the Mackay Memorial Hospital, its dilapidated condition in 1946 when she reached Formosa, the equipment provided, the progress of the work, and especially the great need for a doctor there. The people, she said, are so appreciative, so eager to learn, especially anxious to learn to read English; the boys' and girls' schools are overcrowded. The Rev. and Mrs. R. H. McIlwaine, formerly of Japan, are working among the tribespeople. In honour of Miss Hermanson the president, Mrs. D. H. Ross, entertained the members of the Presbyterial and Synodical Boards at tea on March 23rd.

HAMILTON AND LONDON

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BRUCE and Owen Sound—Mrs. George Berry, formerly Olive Cunningham, has completed thirty years' activity in the Sunbeam Mission Band at Tara, first as a member, then for twenty-four years an officer—for nine years leader. Still associated with the Band, she is also an Auxiliary officer.

Chatham — The Valetta Auxiliary entertained the C.G.I.T. girls and their mothers at a banquet, at which Mrs. S. MacLeod of Tilbury spoke. Miss Isabel McConnell, on furlough from the Bhil field, speaking at St. Andrew's, Windsor, on ''The New Look'', said ''I'm all for it, when it means, as it does in India, lives transformed by the power of God.'' To the question, ''Do missions pay?''

she answered, ''Yes, when they are backed by prayer.'' The four Auxiliaries and the Mission Band presented gifts to Miss McConnell, who is a member of St. Andrew's; the session gave her a cheque. A glowing tribute to her work was paid by Dr. John Howie, who served in the Jobat Hospital with her in its pioneer years.

The Knox Home Helpers of Windsor celebrated their thirtieth anniversary in April. A year before there was a church or an Auxiliary, Miss Pearl Maitland organized the mothers of the Sunday School children as Home Helpers. Superintendent of the Primary Sunday School for 35 years, Miss Maitland was honoured by a presentation. To the three Auxiliaries of Knox, Windsor, at their joint Easter meeting, Mrs. Donald McLaren, Presbyterial President, spoke of the growth of Christianity since Pentecost and the development and spread of missions through the centuries. The important part taken by women in spreading the Gospel was stressed.

Hamilton—At their affiliation service Mrs. A. L. Haughton, Presbyterial Girls' Work Secretary, spoke to the Chalmers C.G.I.T. girls on the work of the Women's Missionary Society. In memory of her husband, Mrs. Louis Whittle presented an honorary membership certificate to Mrs. Wm. Weaver, through St. Andrew's Home Helper Department, Hamilton. Mrs. S. M. Gordon, Young Women's Secretary, reports a most encouraging meeting on March 22nd for the purpose of organizing a Presbyterian Inter-Church Young Women's group. It is hoped this new group will be a great help to this department. St. Paul's Church, Hamilton, reports a new girls' group, with Mrs. C. J. Whittington as leader.

Paris—The Helen Young Missionary Auxiliary of Paris had as guests at their 10th annual ''Open Meeting'' on April 8th the members and friends of the Senior and Evening Auxiliaries. During the worship service a very inspiring post-Easter message was beautifully illustrated on the flannelgraph board by one of the members. The Great Commission —''Go Ye into all the world and preach the Gospel''—was the fitting theme for the missionary candlelighting service, in which six Auxiliary members took part, representing a little of the progress of Christianity through the ages. Three large candles representing The Word of God were burning in a large antique candelabra during the service. When each of the six members lit her candle, she spoke of the person she was representing, the first of St. Paul; the second of Mrs. John Knox; the third of Mrs. John Buchanan, and her work among the Bhils in India, then the others of Miss Dorothy Douglas, and the opportunity for missionary work in Formosa, of Miss Mary Anderson, and her work in British Guiana; and last, Miss Beatrice Scott, with a brief account of her work and a challenge to carry the light of the Christian Gospel to the people of India during these critical days. A social time was enjoyed at the close of the meeting.

Sarnia—Miss Mary Anderson spoke at the Easter meeting of the Strathroy afternoon and evening Auxiliaries; members of the Young People's Society were also present. After telling of her work, Miss Anderson said, ''There are many needs. A missionary is much needed for Demerara, but our greatest need is prayer. We can go forward in British Guiana, if you at home labour earnestly in prayer for God's blessing.'' Sherril Cruickshank, aged 7, of the Girls' Mission Band, having received the red seal on her Junior certificate, is now a life member of the Women's Missionary Society.

TORONTO AND KINGSTON

MRS. ERIC LARSEN, PRESS SECRETARY

ORANGEVILLE Presbyterial — The Mission Band of St. Andrew's Church, Hillsburgh, decided to raise their missionary money in the early part of this year. They prepared an excellent programme of solos, duets, instrumental selections, and hymn singing. Two sets of slides were shown, ''The Church Moves North'' and ''The Jhansi Field'', Mrs. C. W. MacMurchy giving an address on the former subject and Miss Violet Cowan, the Mission Band leader, speaking on the latter. There was a splendid attendance with many members of the congregation and visitors.

Toronto Presbyterial—The McKenzie Auxiliary of Riverdale Church, Toronto, celebrated its thirty-second birthday anniversary at a meeting at which the principal speaker was Miss Isabel McConnell, who reviewed her work during the past twenty years in the Bhil Field, India. Mrs. Murray Spaulding led in the devotional service. Mrs. A. S. Curr, Presbyterial President, and Mrs. H. E. Wiley of the Synodical Board brought greetings. Visitors from neighbouring Auxiliaries were present.

MONTREAL AND OTTAWA

MRS. J. R. HILL, 250 COOPER STREET,
OTTAWA, PRESS SECRETARY

A SPIRIT of reverence and devotion characterized the opening session of the annual meeting of the Montreal and Ottawa Synodical Society, held April 19th to 21st in Kildonan Hall, Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul, Montreal. The expectant gathering that filled the auditorium to capacity was warmly welcomed by the minister, the Rev. R. J. Berlis.

Mrs. W. E. Baker introduced the principal speaker, Miss Isabel McConnell, on furlough from India. Wearing a lovely blue and silver *sari,* Miss McConnell vividly described the Bhils among whom she had worked for twenty years. A timid but most lovable people, their first fear of Jobat Hospital was quickly overcome by the love and kindness shown them. At the hospital many learn of Christ; as they treat patients, missionaries remember that they are not only doctors and nurses but also evangelists. Through the transforming power of Jesus Christ men and women have ''become new creatures''.

The next morning Miss Pelton introduced Miss Hildur Hermanson, who spoke briefly. Superintendent of Rocky Mountain House Hospital during the war years, Miss Hermanson returned to Formosa as soon as there was an opportunity to do so, and had a great deal to do with the re-opening of work there. Mrs. Daniel Strachan spoke in her usual convincing and forceful way of our National Work. ''The Christian life is an adventure, not a city of refuge,'' she said. ''Missions are the outreach of the Church, the only way to peace.'' A Question Box, in charge of Miss Pelton, was interesting.

In a brilliant address, Miss Pelton summed up the needs and the encouragements of our Formosan and British Guiana fields. In Formosa our work had been done so well that when the crisis came, it could safely be handed over to the Formosan Church. Our missionaries are now there the guests of the Formosan Government.

The financial statement, always a highlight, was presented by Mrs. J. W. Dougherty: $29,790.00 had been sent in for the General Fund. In a comprehensive report the Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. A. G. Cameron, gave a picure of the year's work, as well as a thoughtful analysis of the situation in the Synodical Society. In the discussion, financial affairs were clarified. After a warm debate about the printing of reports, it was decided to print them in a simplified form.

Greetings were received from Mrs. J. G. Inkster, President of our Women's Missionary Society, from Toronto and Kingston Synodical Society, and from Rev. C. Ritchie Bell, Moderator of Synod. An invitation to hold the 1949 annual meeting in Cornwall next April was accepted. In October the Board will meet in Smith's Falls.

At the Wednesday morning session officers were elected for the coming year — Mrs. Harcourt Emra was returned as president, Mrs. E. G. B. Foote is the new recording secretary. Mrs. Strachan installed the officers.

Glengarry — At their Thank-offering meeting Maxville Auxiliary welcomed Mrs. Harcourt Emra, Synodical President, who gave a fine informative address on ''Measures of the Gift of Christ'', with special emphasis on ''Giving''. She also read a message from Mrs. Inkster, President of our Women's Missionary Society. Mrs. Howard Kennedy gave the Easter message, ''He is Risen.'' Refreshments were served by the Evening Auxiliary.

Lanark and Renfrew — A new Explorer group, of boys eight years and over, has been organized at McDonald's Corners by the Rev. T. W. Brett, who is Chief Counsellor. At Cobden the Auxiliary and the Ladies' Aid were entertained by the Evening Ladies' Group, The Crusaders, at a birthday party in honour of Mrs. S. Scott, one of the older members (and a life member of the Society), and Mrs. Baak, the minister's wife; to both gifts were presented. At the Easter Thank-offering of the senior Auxiliary, Smith's Falls, Mrs. J. R. Hill of Ottawa gave a missionary address. Tribute was paid to a loved member, the late Mrs. Gould.

Montreal—The Rev. and Mrs. Joseph Muchan addressed a number of Auxiliary meetings in and around Montreal, telling of their work in Jhansi and showing beautiful coloured moving pictures and slides. Their visit here, April 1st to 14th, did much to create a greater interest in our Church's mission work at home and abroad, and Mr. Muchan's challenge in the words of the hymn, ''Rise up, O men of God'', will not go unheeded by those who heard it.

Ottawa—At the Easter Thank-offering and first anniversary meeting of St. Stephen's Auxiliary Mrs. A. G. Cameron told about the work and aims of the Women's Missionary Society, dealing with this large subject in a very fine way. All stood for a minute in tribute to the memory of the late Mrs. McLatchie, who had been present at the preceding meeting. She was their *Glad Tidings* secretary.

Whenever . . . new spiritual power has been let loose in the Church, it has always been followed by an outflowing of missionary enterprise to far-distant places.

—Stephen Neill.

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April 30, 1948

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Income Tax from workers	$ 346.87
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Knox Church Bible School	300.00
Cecilia Jeffrey Indian School, Government Grant	8,979.46
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Sale of Car	800.00
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Montreal and Ottawa	2,470.00
British Columbia	200.00
	$24,990.38

DISBURSEMENTS

Weirdale	$ 10.00
Indian Schools:	
Mistawasis	60.00
Birtle	158.32
Birtle, Government Grant	2,446.16
Cecilia Jeffrey	162.49
Cecilia Jeffrey, Government Grant	4,067.79
Chinese in Canada	937.28
Deaconesses	1,501.28
Children's Centre, Vancouver	244.77
St. Margaret's Girls' Centre	301.45
Organization	398.54
Supplies	361.27
Exchange	2.98
Publications	613.40
Administration	1,071.78
Deputation	30.55
Missionaries' Expenses	36.20
Missionaries' Personal Account	99.80
British Guiana	200.75
India:	
Bhil Field	309.08
Jhansi Field	125.00
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Port Work	179.88
Income Tax	350.42
Insurance	94.37
	$15,180.72

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RECEIPTS

Legacy Fund—	
Interest	$152.03
Payment on Windermere Property	25.00
Estate of Miss Olive V. Ross, Toronto	228.80
Estate of the late Mrs. W. W. Craw, ‘‘Foreign Missions’’	50.00
Estate of Sarah McKenzie, through Morningside Auxiliary	25.00
Peace Thanksgiving Fund—	
Interest	94.00
Pension Fund—	
Interest	6.50
	$581.33

DISBURSEMENTS

Pension Fund—	
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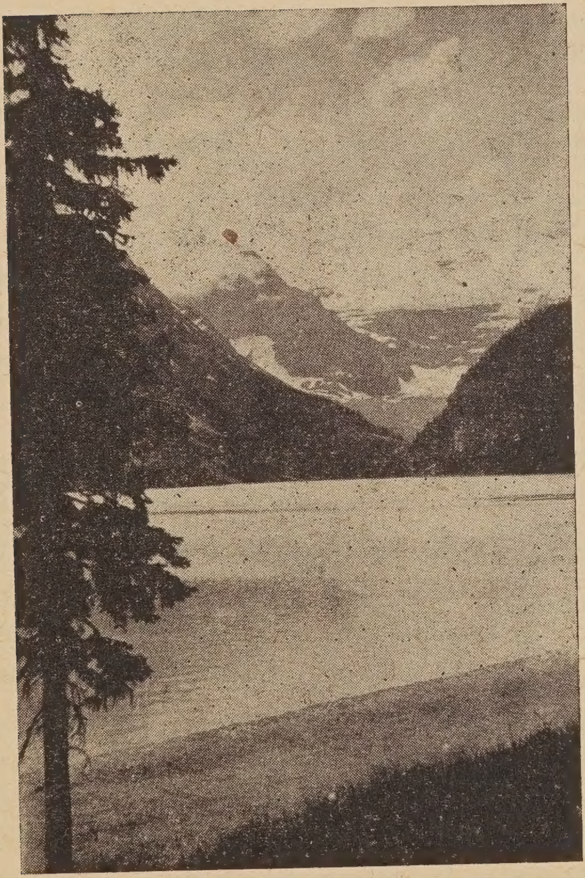

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EDITORIAL

The annual meeting of the Council of the Women's Missionary Society, Western Division, will be held in Olivet Presbyterian Church, Toronto, September 27th to October 1st.

Miss Lily Simpson, who was working at the Jobat Hospital since October, returned at the beginning of May to the Landour Community Hospital, where she was last summer.

In response to the appeal from the International Missionary Council, through the Canadian Overseas Missions Council, that contributions to Orphaned Missions be continued, it was agreed that our Women's Missionary Society should give $1,000 this year. Acknowledging the receipt of the treasurer's cheque, Canon L. A. Dixon writes: "I am very glad that your Society is able to continue its help to this worthy cause." Canadian Churches have contributed $3,390.50 in 1948.

Regional Secretaries in the West

Miss Ruby Walker, regional secretary in Manitoba and Saskatchewan, spent the month of May in the Brandon area, some of it in places where the Presbytery was opening (or re-opening) work. At Westbourne, where she had conducted services last summer, services had been held all winter and the people were hoping to have their new church by September. The women there had decided to organize as a group affiliated with our Women's Missionary Society. She also visited groups in Portage la Prairie, and had a meeting with the new Evening group. From Killarney, where she was when she wrote on May 27th, she was going to Ninga and Boissevain for several days. Then the first ten days of June would be spent at sectional meetings in Brandon and Winnipeg Presbyterials. In May she had also visited an Indian Reserve. Mr. Pitts, Principal of the Cecilia Jeffrey Indian School, having arranged to visit the Reserve on May 15th, invited her to go, too. She was glad, she said, of this opportunity, but she hopes "the time is not far distant when we can have a missionary among these people".

Miss Athalie Read, regional secretary in Alberta, was working in and about Edmonton in May. She visited Killam and Chauvin; the latter has a good Canadian Girls in Training group that had just been taken over by two new leaders. She hoped that some of the girls there would go to the camp at Sylvan Lake this summer. At an impressive service the last week of the month the Presbyterian C.G.I.T. groups of the Edmonton churches became affiliated with our Women's Missionary Society. At the end of May Miss Read went up to the Peace River district, where she expects to be until about the end of the third week in August. There, working under the direction of the ministers of the Presbytery, she would be visiting at the different points where there were groups or where, perhaps, there had been groups that had disbanded. The greater part of her time, however, would be given to Vacation Bible Schools to be held for children at different centres within the bounds of the Presbytery.

Please Note

The Annual Report should be going out soon. The copies *for the branches* are as usual being sent to the Presbyterial Corresponding Secretaries, and should be distributed *promptly,* as follows:

- — Two to each Auxiliary (afternoon or evening) and two to each Young Women's group;
- — One to each Affiliated or Associate Society;
- — One to the Girls' group (or groups) in a congregation;
- — One to each Mission Band and Explorer Group.

The number of copies in the parcel is determined by the number of branches reported, so that each branch may receive the Report (or Reports) to which it is entitled. Again attention is called to the fact that the copies of the printed Report are *not* for the exclusive use of officers, but should be made available to all members—and these should be encouraged to read it. Any Auxiliary or other group not receiving its copy (or copies) should apply to the Presbyterial Corresponding Secretary, as reports for *all* branches within the Presbyterial are sent to her.

In addition to these copies sent for the branches, a copy of the Annual Report is mailed *directly to each Synodical and Presbyterial officer* for the current year whose name is listed (with her address) in the printed Report, as well as to new officers that were reported too late for printing. If any officer does not receive her copy, she should notify the Editor, Room 800, 100 Adelaide St. West, Toronto 1.

Unfortunately, because of late meetings or delay in reporting the new officers, the lists of officers of some Presbyterial Societies were received so late that they could be included only at the last minute, while names of the new Synodical officers of Hamilton and London and Montreal and Ottawa reached us too late to be printed in the Annual Report. We are now publishing the names and addresses of the *new* officers in this number of *The Glad Tidings* (page 268). It is essential that these changes should be made in the Annual Report when it is received, in order that the lists should be correct for this year.

Some copies of the Report will be on hand at the office. A copy may be obtained, for 25 cents, on application to the Editor, Room 800, 100 Adelaide St. West, Toronto 1, Ontario.

A Great Missionary Advance Movement

SIXTY-SIX Protestant denominations in the United States and Canada go forward together in a Foreign Missionary Programme of Advance. The Foreign Missions Conference of North America is planning a series of thirty-six regional gatherings this fall in selected centres throughout the United States and Canada. Four of these Conferences will be in Canada—at Vancouver, Winnipeg, Toronto, and Montreal. The gatherings in Canada will be under the direction of the Canadian Overseas Missions Council.

This Programme of Advance will open with a Foreign Mission Assembly at Columbus, Ohio, October 6-8. This Assembly will bring together some four thousand Church representatives, including lay leaders, from all parts of the United States and Canada. Of this number two hundred have been allotted to Canada.

The dates of the regional gatherings in Canada are:

Vancouver—November 2, 3
Winnipeg—November 1, 2
Toronto—October 31; Nov. 1, 2
Montreal—October 24, 25

It is specially requested that these dates be reserved by all the churches in the respective regional areas.

The present chaotic conditions throughout the world challenge the Christian Churches as they have never before been challenged. Never was the situation more serious. Never were the opportunities for Christian expansion greater.

—*Canadian Overseas Missions Council.*

Miss Margaret Wrong

(Prepared for the Women's Inter-Church Council by Miss MacMurchy)

THE Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada desire at this their Annual Meeting to pay tribute of gratitude and affectionate remembrance to one who for many years has been closely connected with the work of the Council. In the passing of Miss Margaret Wrong at Gulu, Uganda, East Africa, on April 11th, 1948, the cause of world-wide Christian Literature has sustained a grievous loss, and her place will be hard to fill in connection with one of the most vital movements of present-day missionary endeavour.

Possessed of truly statesmanlike qualities, of sound scholarship, of a wholly dedicated spirit, of rare personal charm, self-effacing to an exceptional degree, Margaret Wrong was one of those whose fame was not of this world, but a treasure in the hearts of a multitude of people whose lives she touched and inspired, to their eternal healing. Miss Wrong was for many years the leading spirit of the International Missionary Council's Committee on Christian Literature for Africa. She had journeyed from end to end of that great continent, and her books dealing with all phases of educational and Christian work amongst illiterate tribes are a treasure-house for those who will strive to carry on her great work of leading illiterate peoples ''out of darkness into light''.

In her native land, she was a source of inspiration for Canadian women to support and extend the cause of Christian literature in the world, through the Day of Prayer. Miss Wrong's last resting place is amongst her beloved African people. We will remember her with a poignant sense of loss but not with grief for—

''In the heavenly kingdom the souls of the Saints are rejoicing, who followed the footsteps of Christ their Master: and since for love of Him they freely poured forth their lives, therefore with Christ they reign for ever and ever.''

Changes for Annual Report

New officers of **Hamilton and London Synodical Society** (or new addresses)—Honorary President, Mrs. R. C. Campbell, 123 Vansittart Ave., Woodstock; Third Vice-President, Mrs. C. H. McDougall, Box 395, Strathroy; Finance Secretary, Mrs. Robert Mowbray, **Wingham**; Literature Secretary, Mrs. John Bell, Kincardine; Press Secretary—Mrs. J. S. Dobbie, 103 Fifth St. E., Owen Sound.

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Grateful for Opportunity to Take Special Course

In 1946 our Women's Missionary Society, in answer to a request, gave $500 to provide a scholarship for Miss Tong of Kweiyang, China, so that she might take a special course in kindergarten work, for which she was granted a year's leave of absence. In this letter she thanks the Society for the help given her.

Dear Mrs. Strachan,

GOD has told us, ''Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel.'' During the war the General Assembly of the Church of Christ in China established new work in southwestern China under the greatest difficulties. The Kweichow Mission started work in 1939, and the Kweiyang Church is the first church in this new field. What we are doing there is to preach the Gospel as God has told us to do.

My own family is an old style Chinese family with many superstitions. After my graduation from the South Szechuan Teachers' School, I worked in Kweiyang for a few years. Later I joined the Church of Christ in China of Kweiyang. I was baptized on Christmas Day 1939. I was the only local church member at that time.

In 1941 Miss Sommerville from Canada started kindergarten work in the Kweiyang church. I am very glad to say that I started to help her in that same year. I have now been in this work for six years.

Of course I am interested in my kindergarten work, but on the other hand I was feeling very unfitted in knowledge and experience for the urgent needs of my work. When I heard the good news from Dr. H. H. Tsui, the General Secretary of the Church of Christ in China, that a special grant was made to me for one year of study, it gave me very great pleasure. Now I can study in Ching Hai Girls' School, which is a famous Christian Teachers' School in Suchow, China.

Kweichow is a province of southwestern China, near the border, with very little culture and poor communications. These ten million people are the same as other people, religious education and other services are greatly needed, and the Gospel is needed most of all. The Kweiyang kindergarten is part of the educational plan of the Kweichow Mission; I think the children's work is most fundamental. During this time of study I have learned much that will be

Tong Yun Wen

useful in my work. In the future I hope I will be better fitted for my work in the church, to the glory of God.

This is just to express my very great appreciation to you for my special scholarship. It is by no means merely a great help to me personally, but also to the Kweiyang church. In the future I will try to do my best for the Church of our Lord. I am sure that this is your wish.

With all good wishes, I am,

Your servant in the Lord,

Tong Yun Wen.

Chung I Kindergarten,
Kweiyang, Kweichow, China,
December 4th, 1947.

Designated as Deaconess

Will Work in the Okanagan

FOR the first time in the memory of its oldest members, a service of designation was conducted by the Presbytery of Victoria on May 3rd in St. Andrew's Church, Victoria, when Miss Margaret Boyd, a member of that congregation and one of this year's graduates of the Presbyterian Missionary and Deaconess Training School, was designated as a deaconess of The Presbyterian Church in Canada. The service of worship was conducted by the Rev. J. L. W. McLean, minister of the church, who also presented the candidate to the Presbytery for designation. The Rev. Alex. Orr, Moderator of Presbytery, conducted the service of designation, and the Rev. T. H. McAllister delivered the address to the new deaconess. In presenting the pin of the Order of Deaconess, Mrs. Will Saunders spoke briefly of Miss Boyd's interest in the church and the part she had taken in its many activities before she went east to take the deaconess training course. On behalf of the Synodical Society Mrs. A. A. MacKinnon presented a Dictionary of the Bible to her; and during the social hour that followed the service, Mrs. Fuller presented a beautiful clock from the Auxiliary and Mrs. L. W. Johnston a corsage, from the Young Women's Auxiliary. The sincere wishes of the gathering go with Miss Boyd as she begins her work in the Okanagan Valley of British Columbia.

—*The Clerk of the Presbytery of Victoria.*

Designation Service at Knox Church, Weyburn

AT a service held in Knox Church, Weyburn, on the evening of May 18th Miss Hilda Blackwell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Blackwell, was designated as a deaconess of The Presbyterian Church in Canada.

The service, which was held under the auspices of the Presbytery of Moose Jaw, was conducted by the Rev. J. P. Schissler, Moderator of the Presbytery, assisted by the Rev. H. L. Wilson, minister of Knox Church, the Rev. Wallace MacKinnon of Moose Jaw, and the Rev. Gordon MacInnes of Assiniboia.

The Rev. Wallace MacKinnon preached the sermon, basing his remarks on the text: ''And he said unto them, let us go into the next towns, that I may preach there also: for therefore came I forth'' (St. Mark 1: 38). He pointed out that the outlook for the Christian to-day is world-wide and therefore each one should strive for a ''wider horizon''.

The Rev. H. L. Wilson, in presenting Miss Blackwell for designation, said that she had given up a very successful business career to enter into the full-time service of the Presbyterian Church, and he paid tribute to her character and ability, which he felt especially fitted her for the work in Montreal to which she was being sent. Mr. Wilson also spoke of Saskatchewan's proud record in full-time missionary workers; he felt that much of the inspiration that had prompted these men and women to offer themselves for service might be traced to the Saskatoon Summer School.

Mrs. H. A. Staveley, on behalf of the Missionary and Deaconess Training School Board, presented Miss Blackwell with the deaconess pin, and Mrs. W. Kelly, President of the Saskatchewan Synodical Society, presented her with a Bible on behalf of the Women's Missionary Society, Western Division. Mrs. James Sherrick, President of Moose Jaw Presbyterial, expressed the pride felt by all in the Presbyterial at this designation and promised that Miss Blackwell would be upheld by the love and prayers of all the members. Mrs. H. E. Mitchell, Auxiliary President, praised Miss Blackwell's resourcefulness, which undoubtedly will be a great asset in her future work, and on behalf of the women's organizations of Knox Church presented a handsome gift. A presentation, on behalf of the Mary Sherrick Club, was made by Miss Margaret Findlay.

The service was followed by a social hour in the Sunday School room where friends and well-wishers from the community as well as from the home church had the opportunity to meet Miss Blackwell.

—*(Mrs. Jay) Agnes Watson.*

"So Many Waiting and Willing to Hear!"

BY MISS M. ELLEN ANDERSON

IN the fourth chapter of St. John's Gospel, at the 35th verse, we have these words which were spoken by our Master: ''Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest.'' Perhaps there is no field in the world to-day of which these words can more truly be spoken than the land of British Guiana.

Let us try to get a glimpse of this land which we in British Guiana feel is ''white unto the harvest''. The setting is in the tropics, a land below sea level where no hills relieve the flatness. It is warm and humid, but many breezes help to lessen the heat. It is a land of interest—there we have the cultivation of rice and sugar cane, and the great cocoanut plantations; the mining of bauxite, gold and diamonds; the great timber lands of the interior. It is a land of beauty—with the great cocoanut palms and other flowering trees and shrubs, different birds, tropical fruits. But the chief interest for all of us is in its people. It has a population of 376,000, of whom 44 per cent. are East Indians, 36 per cent. black people, and 12 per cent. Portuguese, while a few are Chinese and a few are white.

You may have heard, and believed, the criticism that the work in British Guiana is chiefly educational, but that is not true. I consider that our work is primarily evangelistic. There is not a missionary on our field whose primary motive is not evangelism, to bring the knowledge of the Gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ to adult or child. It is true that we have thirty primary schools and two high schools. The Mission provides the staff of teachers and the Government pays their salaries. The Government is now building schools, and in January 1947 the Macgillivray C. M. School was built from Colonial Welfare and Development funds. The missionaries are managers of these primary schools, but we do have the privilege of teaching Scripture in the schools, with the result that over 7,000 children, many of whom come from non-Christian homes, are having the opportunity of hearing the Gospel message. In addition to our regular teaching of Scripture, we distribute children's Gospel tracts, which the children eagerly receive and take home, so that the Gospel in a simple form is placed in many homes. Then, too, we are introducing into some of our schools the Bible Readers' Plan, by which either an adult or a child can earn a Bible simply by reading. We distribute portions which are returned when read, and records are kept. At the close of the year from one part of our field the report was received that out of 264 readers, 150 had received Bibles, and of these 20 had decided for Christ simply from their reading. These Bibles and portions were received free of charge from the Bible Lovers' League in the United States. In some of the schools the flannel board has been used with good results and the Gospel has been presented by means of pictures.

At the present time we have 64 churches and mission stations, and, besides our staff of missionaries, there are six ordained East Indian ministers and sixteen catechists. Travelling creates a problem in British Guiana. One of these ministers travels each week from 90 to 100 miles by bicycle over very difficult roads, which, in the heat of that land, is no small task. He is hoping to be able to gather together enough money to purchase a motorcycle, which would greatly lessen the difficulty of his work.

In addition to the regular church services, a special evangelistic effort is put forth whenever and wherever possible. In Demerara the plan is to hold one week of special meetings each month, although at times there have been many more. Recently a week of meetings was held at Wales, where we have a school but no church. Crowds filled our school, and at the close of the week the enthusiasm was so great that when a second week of meetings was held some miles farther on in another of our schools, the people from Wales accompanied us, night after night filling a bus from the Wales estate. A third week of meetings was held still farther away, and again the bus from Wales was crowded with enthusiastic people who lustily sang fine Gospel songs as we made our way to the place of meeting over narrow roads bordered by canals. Although those districts are strong Hindu settlements, there was no sign of opposition, but rather we found a warm welcome and a fine response. In this way evangelistic meetings are held in churches, schools, and out of doors, and many are hearing the Gospel of redeeming love through the atoning work of our Saviour Jesus Christ.

In Berbice last year two new church services were begun, one in a school and the other in the home of a Christian teacher. In the Essequibo River a monthly visit and service was begun where a large timber company is operating and where there are about two hundred men. In one field four new Sunday Schools were started by some of our day school teachers.

The work among the women has been very interesting and in some places very encouraging. It would be difficult to say how many women's groups there are, because in some cases these groups have changed in character, being now mixed groups of men, women, and children. In one case, a group was begun in a little Chinese church, but it remained so small that it was felt necessary to leave the church and go into the estate. Permission was obtained from the manager, and now each month, under a great spreading tree among the homes in the estate, we set up our organ and our flannel board and we hold our meeting, with men, women and children sitting on canvas bags on the ground. In another district our meeting began in our own church, but was moved across the road and is now held under a house by the roadside, so that we can reach a little group that will not attend a service in a church or school. Other women's groups which were formerly held in the afternoon in a church or school have been changed to evening out-door meetings in the estates, in order to reach non-Christians. Recently a meeting was held on the balcony of a house because of rain, and at the close we were informed that the man who had given us the use of his house was a Mohammedan. When we left, we received a warm hand-shake and a gracious invitation to hold our meeting in his house whenever we wished to do so. These meetings are sponsored by our women, who feel that this is their missionary effort to reach those who are outside the fold. Other meetings are held regularly at the homes of Hindus who have kindly granted permission to use their homes, regardless of any criticism that may result.

We feel that we are winning the confidence of the people and that opposition, to a certain extent, is breaking down. Truly the fields are ''white to harvest''. There are so many places where people are waiting and willing to hear the message, and we must go in and possess the land. Yet the powers of evil are strongly entrenched, and the old beliefs are not given up without a struggle. In our own strength we are utterly helpless, to us the difficulties are insurmountable. When Moses was leading the children of Israel to the Promised Land, they had gone only a short distance when they saw the Egyptians pursuing them. They cried out for fear, but Moses said to them, ''Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of the Lord, which he will shew to you to-day. . . . The Lord shall fight for you, and ye shall hold your peace.'' Then the Lord said to Moses, ''Speak unto the children of Israel, that they go forward.'' How were they to go forward? This is the secret: ''The Lord shall fight for you.'' And so they went forward, and the waters divided. We, too, must go forward. We must send more missionaries, we must do more intensive work, we must build more churches, we must have more extensive evangelism. But we must go forward with prayer, or it is of no avail. ''Lift up your eyes.'' We must go forward, looking unto Jesus, who has all power and has said: "Without me ye can do nothing." We must take the whole armour of God in this struggle against the forces of evil.

Soldiers of Christ! arise
And put your armour on!
Strong in the strength which God supplies
Through His eternal Son;

Strong in the Lord of Hosts,
And in His mighty power;
Who in the strength of Jesus trusts
Is more than conqueror.

Berbice Happy Workers' Annual Meeting

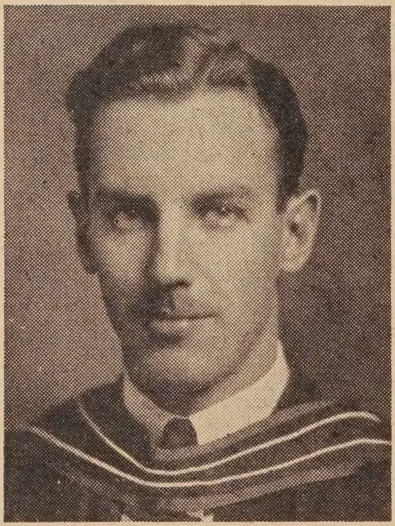
For this account of the meeting of the Happy Workers (women's groups) of Berbice County, British Guiana, we are indebted to the secretary, Miss Chung-A-Hing.

A GRAND meeting of the Berbice Happy Workers was held in Ramdeholl Memorial Church, New Amsterdam, on Monday, May 3rd. It was attended by a goodly number of members representing fifteen different groups covering a distance of sixty miles along the Berbice coast. Those from the farthest points travelled by chartered bus and some attended from the West Coast, crossing the Berbice

River by ferry boat. There were 105 members present; of these the majority were East Indians, who were exquisitely dressed in many colours as is their custom. They had an exceedingly happy day together.

The programme was well arranged. As the president was ill before the meeting, the responsibility of the preparations fell mostly on Miss Davidson. A great part of the day was spent in fellowship with God. The morning message was given by Mrs. Firth, who spoke on "The Spirit of Truth" and the missionary message in the afternoon was given by the Rev. Mr. Hayner of the Lutheran Church, who gave some interesting experiences from his life in India. The other part of the day was spent on reports and the election of officers. The reports showed that the women all over Berbice were carrying on well and showing progress. Another enjoyable feature of the programme was the singing of two Indian hymns by a member from Skeldon.

A social hour was spent at noon and again at three o'clock when Rev. and Mrs. Paul Rumball opened their home to all who attended the meeting and the New Amsterdam Happy Workers served refreshments. In spite of the terrible roads over which most of the ladies had to travel all returned home happy, feeling they had benefited by the fellowship with others and with the Lord.



The Rev. Thomas R. Maxwell and Mrs. Maxwell. Mr. Maxwell left in April for British Guiana, where he is to be Principal of Bethel College at New Amsterdam. Mrs. Maxwell and their baby daughter are still in Canada.

Christian Medical Work in the New India

DR. ROBERT G. COCHRANE, until recently Principal of the Christian Medical College at Vellore, South India, addressed a meeting at the Canadian School of Missions when he was in Toronto in April. Dr. J. B. McLaurin, in introducing him, said that in his many years' service in India, in leprosy work and at the Vellore Medical College, he had shown himself to be ''a great administrator, a great doctor, and a great Christian statesman''.

Referring to the situation in India, Dr. Cochrane said that Gandhi's tragic death had ''stunned the Indian nation into co-operative action as nothing else could have done''. It was almost incredible, he said, the way the whole people had been welded into unity. India had escaped the danger of developing into a Hindu religious state, and he hoped the new sense of unity would endure in that country that is just recovering from ''one of the greatest upheavals any nation has ever experienced''. While the terrible happenings of the past months in North India could not be condoned, he said, it must be remembered that in less than two years India has reached a stage of development that it took European countries some hundreds of years to reach. Of the many perils ahead of the new nation one of the greatest was that there did not seem to be younger leaders coming on.

Turning to the subject of the medical work of Christian missions, Dr. Cochrane assured his hearers that Government leaders were fully alive to the fact that the health of the people was a national responsibility. They realize the need of medical service for the villages, where the life of India largely lies. ''Unless they do something for them, they have not even touched the problem.'' The heads of the Indian medical services are intensely keen on developing for India a medical service that, while accepting the highest standards of the West, will meet the needs of the simple villager. And they ask medical missionaries to come and help them. There is, Dr. Cochrane believes, a greater place to-day than ever before for those trained in the West to work in India, if they go as comrades, ready to do what they can to help. But Christian hospitals and colleges must be of the best. ''If (at Vellore) we are not able to give to India a medical education of outstanding merit and men able to contribute to the life of India, the sooner we close the college the better.'' They have modern Western medicine in India and also ''a strong tradition of Eastern medicine, going back to the dawn of history''. And the two ''just will not mix''. Their task is to build up a medical service that will endeavour to meet the pressing needs of India.

Humanly speaking, it is an impossible task that the Christian Medical College at Vellore is undertaking, but Dr. Cochrane believes they were called of God to take on that work. If Vellore is to do the work for which it exists, however, it must have more money and a larger staff. ''Nothing but the best is good enough.'' Vast as is the need, they dare not go on with an overworked staff and inadequate equipment, if they wish to be allowed to continue. A Christian medical college or hospital must not only comply with requirements but must ''keep a step ahead of them'', giving a service that will be considered indispensable, and sending out efficient and consecrated graduates to give the best in medical service and to witness to Christ. Otherwise there will be little place for Western medical missionary work in the new India.

Dr. Cochrane's own special field has been leprosy work—to it he has given twenty-four years in India. Begun by Christian missions, this work is now recognized as an obligation of the Government—and Indian Governments are beginning to be intensely interested in leprosy. The Madras Government especially is deeply concerned and recently issued two orders. The word ''leper'' must not be used in any official correspondence. It is a word, Dr. Cochrane said, with a nasty connotation, he has not used it himself for fifteen years; and the sufferer regards it as an insult. (''Why should a person who has leprosy be called a leper any more than one with measles be called a measly?'') Those not infected must be put into hospital wards with other patients. From 70 to 80 per cent. of all leprosy is not infective, Dr. Cochrane stated, and the Government insists that leprosy is a medical disease and must be so dealt with. In about ten years Government and people in all India will be convinced that leprosy work must be done properly. The mission must lead the way in such work, always seeking the most effective way of doing it. It is hoped that very soon a new leprosy sanatorium will be built at Vellore College, and, land having now been secured for a children's leprosy sanatorium, they hope to begin building this year. Thus Dr. Cochrane hopes that within two years the Vellore leprosy unit may be such that to it doctors may come from near and far who will go back with a new interest and greater skill to carry forward the work in their own areas.

Note.—Dr. Cochrane, who resigned from the Christian Medical College at Vellore in February 1948, is now in Government service in

India. He had come to the West to attend the International Leprosy Congress in Cuba. The new principal of Vellore is Dr. Hilda Lazarus, whom he described as ''one of the greatest daughters of India''.

School of Nursing Opened on Kienshui Hospital's Second Anniversary

In a letter to Miss Pelton, Mrs. Gehman writes (May 14):

. . . I suppose you will know the Ransoms have another daughter, Barbara Ruth, the first baby to be born in our new ward. Mrs. Ransom and the baby just went home yesterday. Barbara arrived two weeks early and her bed wasn't ready for her. To hurry the carpenters, Mr. Ransom offered them an extra 20,000 each, and did they work! We all went to look and marvel at their speed. We didn't know it could be done in Kienshui.

We celebrated our second anniversary last week by having the formal opening of our School of Nursing and again holding ''open house''. We now have ten students and are thinking of taking in two or three more. We have been quite busy in the hospital and had a great time getting ready in time. It was a busy day with most of Kienshui making the rounds and climbing to the third floor to get a view of their beloved city and mountains. The Young People's Fellowship met in the evening, a social gathering to welcome our new students.

Miss Wu has left us to return home. She had not been well for some time and latterly she was off duty more than she was on duty. This morning Miss Chang left in a *hua kan* for the Shihping district, where she will marry the officer in charge of that area. She is to return in two or three weeks and will help us until we secure other nurses. The man she is marrying is an only son whose mother wished him to marry and have sons to carry on the ancestral worship, no doubt. I do hope she will be happy this time. . . .

We are expecting a Friends' Ambulance Unit team next week on their way to Shihping, where they are going to fight malaria. I think they plan to have a clinic but no in-patients. It will be good to have close neighbours and to know something is being done in Shihping. If we only had an evangelistic team to send in with them!

July to December—THE GLAD TIDINGS for 25 cents (if in parcel), 30 cents, if mailed direct.

Musical Festival at Tamsui

The Rev. Hugh MacMillan of Formosa has sent a copy of a letter he wrote to Mrs. Gauld, who had taught music to many Formosans and trained and led church choirs during her years as a missionary in Formosa. When she was leaving to return to Canada at the beginning of 1939, it was reported that her last words to the people whom she had served for forty-six years and to whom she was ''Our Mother Teacher'' were: ''One thing I would give you to remember: 'In all things, praise God.' ''

Dear ''Mother of Music in Formosa'':

THAT'S the name the Master of Ceremonies, Mr. Tan Soo-tee, used in speaking of you before the gathering in Tamsui on Saturday the 22nd. My use of it here is just an echo of his words and of the heart-felt response of his hearers. . . .

Ten Taipeh church choirs participated, with an average of thirty-five members each. All took the hour-long train journey down along the bank of the winding river you know so well. The Tamsui Girls' School kitchen had prepared for 250, but early arrivals, with news of an additional hundred coming, sent folks scurrying for more bowls and chopsticks and more *Bi-Hun.* Isabel Taylor, your successor in the Formosa music world, has been coming up to the city churches each week-end to superintend choir leaders and organists and give general oversight. As you can well imagine, she doesn't do that by arm-chair thumb-twiddling. It takes painstaking work, endless worries, and much beating of unrhythmic air. But her work, based on your long years of *Chit, Nng, San, Si* (The name by which you are lovingly known) and foundation laying, is having results, as Saturday's festival must show. And so the ''One, Two, Three, Four'' song-beat goes echoing down through the years.

The choirs' performance took place at Oxford College—''Oxford College of Music'', I call it. White tents were pitched on the sloping greensward and the College veranda served as the choir ''shell''. It would be interesting to discover what the designer of Oxford College had in mind as uses for this veranda. Shelter from the Tamsui rain only? One can never be quite sure what long range thoughts run through the mind of a missionary. Had Dr. Gauld, the architect of so many Formosan buildings, been the designer of Oxford College one might conclude that choral work may not have been absent from his veranda planning. At any rate, the little veranda was quite well suited for a ''shell'', with ample space for nearly a hundred singers, besides the organ. As for the greensward, it could accommodate three or four thousand or more well within hearing range. Would that some way could be found to get even one of the hundreds of church organs across Canada gifted and transported to Formosa! These groups with their numerous organists and pianists and conductors—your own pupils—could, with advantage, be using much bigger instruments than their little foot-pedal camp-meeting organs.

Nature looked down on Saturday's event with apparent approval. Exactly what was desired and prayed for was supplied in overflowing measure. Not rainfall, nor blazing sunshine, but a perfect atmosphere. Instead of the usual dazzling 2.30 p.m. sun (daylight saving time) great afternoon clouds rolled up. They formed a massive curtain across the Tamsui river from Mount Kean-im to Mount Daitun. It was a magnificent cloud-presence for the great open-air cathedral.

Tan Soo-tee takes a leading part in the activity of the music department in Tamsui. . . . The Tamsui photographer "caught him" leading the massed choirs after their individual performances. . . . The selection was "Lai Chiu-Kun Goa", "one of the favourites of the Mother of Church Music in Formosa".

May 24th, 1948.

We Thank Thee

Not for our lands, our wide-flung prairie wealth,
Our mighty rivers born of friendly spring,
Our inland seas, our mountains proud and high,
Forest and orchards richly blossoming;
Not for these, Lord, our deepest thanks are said
As, humbly glad, we hail this day serene;
Not for these most, dear Father of our lives,
But for the love that in all things is seen.

We thank Thee, Lord, on this recurring day,
For liberty to worship as we will;
We thank Thee for the hero souls of old
Who dared wild seas their mission to fulfil.
O, gird our hearts with stalwart faith in good,
Give us new trust in Thy providing hand,
And may a spirit born of brotherhood
Inspire our hearts and bless our native land.

—*Thomas Curtis Clark.*

What the Work Means to the Chinese People

At the annual meeting of the British Columbia Synodical Society in April Mrs. John Con, president of the Chinese Auxiliary in Vancouver, spoke of our work among the Chinese there and its influence in the community. We are indebted to her for permission to use her story, in which we feel all our readers will be interested.

I AM glad to tell you a little of what the Women's Missionary Society does for the Chinese people and I want to thank you for your part in this work.

I think I can make you understand best by telling you about myself and my family. I owe my own knowledge of Jesus Christ as my Saviour to the faithful teaching of a Women's Missionary Society worker, Mrs. Louie Gat Poy.

When I was a child in Victoria, there was a Women's Missionary Society kindergarten in the Presbyterian Church, but I was not able to attend because I was the oldest in my family and had to help my mother. But my brothers and sisters went.

When I went to public school some of my school friends went to Sunday School and to Mission Band, but I was not allowed to go because my mother was very old-fashioned and she did not want me to become a Christian.

After I was married I had a little boy stay with a friend. My friend's children went to the Vancouver Chinese Presbyterian Church. Miss Yeandle and Mrs. Louie called to see this friend and they put my little boy's name on the Cradle Roll. Later they visited me and, although I almost sent my boy to the Roman Catholic kindergarten, Mrs. Louie kept coming for him, so I let him go to the Presbyterian one.

Then I became troubled about my two daughters in China. I went back to China for four years and left three children there with their grandmother. The war broke out and my husband and I wanted to bring our girls back to Canada. I cannot tell you all that made this difficult and confusing to do. But Mrs. Louie and Miss Yeandle prayed for us and Rev. David Smith helped us in many ways. We can never forget the Lord's goodness in bringing our girls safely here.

Mrs. Louie came often to see me and she always spoke to me about the Lord Jesus and told me the story of His love for me. She told me that I must believe in Him to be saved and that He died for me. So my husband and I both trusted the Lord and became Christians. We were baptized with our children when the girls came from China and we have never been sorry. The Lord has been faithful to us and we love and trust Him more now than ever.

When the girls arrived they learned some English at the Mission before they went to public school. All our children attended Sunday School, Mission Band, Girls' Group, Boys' Brigade, and Young People's Society.

Our family is growing up. We have a son on the prairie who wants to be a missionary. Our daughters are both members of the Young Women's group. I have a grand-daughter who will soon be in kindergarten.

Mrs. Louie is in Montreal now, but her place is taken by Miss Yeung. Miss Bennett is gone, but her place will be filled next month by Miss Wilson. I hope to take music lessons from Miss Wilson.

Miss Yeandle and Mr. Smith are our true good friends. They are always ready to help us and any other Chinese people. I could tell you of many of my friends whom they have helped for the sake of Jesus Christ. They want the Chinese people to know Him and trust Him as their own Saviour. We thank God for them and for you who make their work possible.

New Organizations

Saskatchewan

Prince Albert Presbyterial Society—Explorer Group (re-organized), Prince Albert. Leader, Miss E. Millar, 312-13th St. E.

Regina Presbyterial Society—Mission Band, Whitewood. Leader, Mrs. I. Newman, Box 99.

Toronto and Kingston

Toronto Presbyterial Society—Young Women's Affiliated Group, Fairbank, Toronto. Pres., Mrs. H. Sim, 4 Kirknewton Road; Sec.-Treas., Miss Winnie Munro, 46 Little Blvd.

Montreal and Ottawa

Montreal Presbyterial Society—Evening Auxiliary, Maisonneuve, Montreal. Pres., Mrs. J. C. Brown; Treas., Mrs. C. W. Eccles; Sec., Miss E. L. McGregor, 2380 Pie IX Blvd.

Transferred from Young Women's to Evening Department

— Christine Maxwell Auxiliary, North Bay.
— St. Giles Guild, Ottawa.

Prayer

LOVING Father, who didst make this earth so fair, open our eyes to see its wonders and our hearts to feel its beauty. In our days of refreshment and recreation draw us nearer to Thee through the things which Thou hast made. May the joy of Thy sunshine, the quiet of Thy forests, the murmur of Thy streams, and the steadfast strength of Thine everlasting hills teach us the deep secret of Thy peace. In these days of stress and strain when all about us is unrest and turmoil, calm our fretful spirits. Deepen the current of our shallow lives. Renew in us faith and courage, physical strength and spiritual vision, that we may know ourselves to be safely held in Thy strong hands, and may joyfully make our lives conform to Thy great purposes.

From this life during these summer days, so near to nature's heart, may we drink in new strength to help us reach the restless hearts of men! Give us Thy secret, and the power to share it with our fellow men, and when vacation days are over may we come back to our work stronger and more enthusiastic, and be more worthy messengers of Him who saw His Father's goodness in the sparrow's flight, and His Father's love in the beauty which clothes the lilies of the field.

Our Heavenly Father, in whose hands are the destinies of men and nations, we pray in these times of unrest and anxiety that those who make laws may seek only the nations' good, and that a spirit of justice and fairness may prevail, that industrial strife and unrest may be stilled, and extravagance and wastefulness may cease.

Give to our leaders in Church and State vision to see the work Thou hast for them to do, faith to accept it, wisdom to plan for its accomplishment, and spiritual and physical strength for the task committed to their care. We pray for a rich blessing upon that branch of Thy Church to which we belong. Bless our missionaries, protect and sustain them, supply their every need, and make them ever conscious of Thy presence. Save us in these days from bitterness and hatred, and when the way is uphill and the abyss seems near, grant us strength to reach the hill-top and see the lights of home, and whatever the days may bring to us, ''Give us the skill to fashion the task of Thy command, Eager to follow the pattern we may not understand.''

These things we ask, with forgiveness of our sins, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

All occasions invite His mercies, and all times are His seasons.
—George Herbert.

A Faith By Which To Live

BY THE REV. JOHN C. MACNEIL

OUR generation, like some of the generations that preceded us, presents a strange contrast of faith and despair, hope and frustration, purpose and futility. People do not live through two world wars without bearing the moral and spiritual marks of the struggle. An uncertainty has seized many minds as to the ultimate meaning of life. Unhappily, for thousands of our fellow men it has apparently no eternal meaning. Mark Twain's appraisal finds its echo in many a discouraged soul, ''A myriad of men are born; they labour and sweat and struggle for bread; they squabble and scold and fight; they scramble for little mean advantages over one another. Age creeps upon them. Infirmities follow. Those they love are taken from them. Until at length ambition is dead; pride is dead; longing for release is in their place. It comes at last—the only unpoisoned gift earth ever had for them—and they vanish from a world where they were of no consequence.'' Push some of our modern conceptions of life to their inescapable conclusions and you discover a similar estimate of human existence.

The philosophy of despair has settled like an impenetrable fog over wide areas of society. It is an inevitable outcome of the loss of the infinite value of the soul. Man is bewildered in a world in which he can behold no lasting significance. Political chaos, ruthless competition in business and industry, shifting and changing moral standards have added immeasurably to the confusion of his mind. The faith Tennyson expressed, ''Yet I doubt not through the ages one increasing purpose runs,'' sounds strange to modern ears. Men sorely need to rediscover faith in life. But faith in life will not be found until faith in God becomes a living and vital force. If we cannot believe there is wisdom higher than our wisdom, despair, fear, hopelessness will rule and govern our actions, and our days will be turned into a meaningless succession of events.

The Christian Church is witness to a faith which has lifted, and can still lift, man out of despondency to the light of immortal values. In the name of Christ she proclaims with unwearied persistence the inestimable worth of the human soul. God is not only the Creator but the Sustainer of the Universe, and His tender mercies are over all His works. The world is not like a ship without a rudder, driven by every wind that blows. It is under control of a wise God who knows the end from the beginning. If the Church did nothing else but lift men's ears to the accents of the eternal she would be rendering a priceless service.

Jesus Christ is still sufficient for all our needs. In Him there is forgiveness of sins and restoration to fellowship with God. By obedience to Him man finds the purpose for which he was born. This is the faith by which men must live if they are to live creatively and courageously, and if they are to labour for a world in which dwells righteousness. The Church has no greater task than making this truth known, no other glad tidings to convey to this generation but the glad tidings of the lordship, the saving and redeeming power of Christ.

Suggestions for Increasing Our Circulation

From the annual report of a Synodical "Glad Tidings" Secretary.

THE Secretaries are stressing the reading of *The Glad Tidings.* The first step is to get the magazine into every home of the congregation in the hope that it will be read. Two churches in the Synodical Society report success in doing so. Some of the methods used:

— One Secretary stressed talking about *The Glad Tidings* and trying to interest every woman in the church in its many fine articles.

— Many Secretaries are always on the alert for new subscribers.

— A few members gave half-yearly subscriptions to women in one church last year who took the magazine themselves this year; one became a member. Two Auxiliaries working together in that same church supplied the magazine to the members of their Young Women's Affiliated group where it was not already in the home.

— A large Auxiliary finds great success in sending the announcement for renewals to each home in the congregation in September with the Thank-offering envelope.

— Some Presbyterial Secretaries spoke at rallies and other meetings and stressed the use of the magazine in each home for the much needed information. One Evening Auxiliary where *The Glad Tidings* was not taken gave one speaker nine subscriptions.

— The suggestion was made through the Secretaries to have collections taken in the churches once or twice a year for subscriptions for *The Glad Tidings* with the idea of supplying it to every family in the congregation.

Looking Back to the Beginning of Women's Work in Alberta

From the first part of the history of the Women's Missionary Society in Alberta written by Mrs. D. G. McQueen of Edmonton.

Foundation Laying

LONG before Alberta was a province the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society was doing its excellent work in Ontario. Work had been begun in Montreal earlier, and the women in the Maritimes were also doing their share.

Out in Western Canada there was little settlement . . . While the country was being opened up and settled, the Presbyterian Church was trying to follow its people with Gospel privileges. In 1869 the Presbytery of Manitoba covered the whole Canadian West, and within its bounds contained only nine preaching stations. After the Rebellion of 1870 population began to increase rapidly, and settlers were finding their way farther and farther west. Following the railway as it was being built, many settlers came, taking up land near the railway. Small groups formed the beginning of what are now leading towns and cities of southern Alberta. The Presbytery of Brandon was constituted in 1870, to look after the Presbyterians in all the country westward; then in June 1885 the Regina Presbytery still farther West, and in 1887 the Presbytery of Calgary. This included the whole of what is now Alberta as well as the eastern part of British Columbia—from Swift Current to Kamloops and from the International boundary to the North Pole. There were only five ordained ministers in the Church in this vast district. As Calgary was the central point, it was the Presbytery meeting place. . . . It took five days to come or go from Edmonton to Calgary, and proportionate time from other points. Stopping places were few and far between, and sometimes the only available bed was the floor.

Foundation laying in Church work tries a man as few other things do. It is most important but difficult, and needs both patience and resources if the superstructure is to stand. The carrying on of Gospel services entailed much physical labour. Distances were long, people were needy, and neighbours few. Driving from Fort Saskatchewan to Belmont, now North Edmonton, took four hours when the trail had to be broken through snow, a distance of about fifteen miles. . . .

Churches or meeting places had to be found if services were to be held. The shacks of the settlers were small, but were used until a schoolhouse or a church could be built. Living was expensive, and there was very little money and little market for the settlers' products. All the necessities of life that could not be raised by the pioneers had to be ''freighted'' from Calgary to Edmonton. (Express by stage was 10 cents a pound.)

However willing the settlers were to have a church, the money needed for windows and doors and seats was hard to provide, even if the men voluntarily hewed the logs in winter, and with their teams (when they had teams) drew logs to the building place, while the women provided food for the men thus engaged.

After the railways north and south were built, people were coming in and taking up land. The southern part of the province was largely a ranching and mining district but in the northern part people began to cultivate the homesteads which the Government made it so easy to obtain. . . . A homestead could be got for ten dollars, with certain duties to be performed before the official deed was given.

People were coming in needing help and direction, sympathy and advice. The minister, where there was a minister, did what he could to look after his scattered flock. There were no organizations for social service in those early days; neighbours gave of what they had, were friendly and dependent on one another. . . . The sons of the early settlers in Ontario and the Maritimes and Quebec had grown to manhood and the farms could no longer support them all, so in the eighties many young men came west to settle. They took homesteads and often built a shack and lived alone or in pairs. In addition, there were people from Britain or continental Europe who sought in a new country a home which they could call their own. The great superintendent of Western Missions, the Rev. James Robertson, visited all these scattered outposts, heartening ministers and people by his deep faith and human understanding and keen sense of humour.

Women whose husbands, brothers, sons or sweethearts were living under these pioneer conditions, sometimes in mining or lumbering camps, were anxious to help to send them Gospel privileges, and they contributed to the support of a missionary on a pioneer field when the people were not able to do it for themselves. . . .

It was not until 1911 that the Superintendent of Missions in Alberta wrote in *The Home Mission Pioneer* that Calgary Presbytery would be able to finance the $6,000 necessary to carry on their work. First Church, Edmonton, became self-sustaining in 1896.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society was organized in Ontario in 1876 ''to aid the Foreign Mission Committee in the support of its work among heathen women and children; to interest the women and children of the Church in this work and to call forth in a systematic way their interest in its behalf''. They were earnest women who led the way in the best women's organization then known in Canada. We who live in the present time of multiplied societies and activities of women can hardly realize what the Church Auxiliary then stood for in the lives of women, in opening up avenues of interest and affording opportunities for service in the advancement of Christ's Kingdom. The training in business methods and in public worship were among the incidental gains. The preparing of papers and the study of missionary literature and the habit of systematic giving were all helpful; but according to their constitution the women could not see their way to help their own sons or brothers on home mission fields. They were enlisted for foreign mission work only, which included the Indians in Canada but not home mission work. When the Klondike Gold Rush came in '98 and help was pleaded for, they could not send nurses to sick and dying men or help to build a hospital, which was so desperately needed. A committee of Toronto women, afterwards called the Atlin Nurse Committee, sent two nurses to help the men there. Organized action now became necessary, and in 1900 a new hospital unit was built. Meanwhile the Home Mission Committee was getting requests from other frontier missionaries and Church leaders, telling of their great need of help and asking for similar assistance which would meet special appeals and help with the payment of missionaries' salaries. Before the General Assembly in 1901 the Superintendent, Dr. James Robertson, pleaded most earnestly that the women of the Woman's Missionary Society include this work in their constitution, but without effect, and with sorrow he realized that there was no hope at that time of legislation being passed which would enable that Society to broaden its service and take over the responsibility of giving evangelistic, medical and educational service in home mission fields. There was but one thing to do in the interests of the work—to organize a Women's Home Missionary Society. In 1903 that was done, and the General Assembly that year registered its gratification at learning that the Women's Home Missionary Society had been organized, and ''supervision of the work at Atlin will henceforth be prosecuted, and similar work undertaken elsewhere, with 'Canada for Christ' their motto, and humility and service their watchword''. Many women whose men-folk had gone West were anxious to help and became enthusiastic supporters of the whole work. The publication of letters from missionaries on the field in *The Home Mission Pioneer,* the organ of the new society, picturing the rugged life on the frontier, did much to spread both information and enthusiasm.

In the eleven years of the life of the Home Missionary Society twenty-seven fields were assigned them, and sixteen became self-supporting. Hospitals were built in settlements of foreigners; also homes for children who could not attend school because there were no educational facilities in their districts. Night schools where young people could learn to read and speak English were also attempted, with varying success; and in all of this Alberta had her share.

Organization Work

No systematic organization work for missions was done in what is now Alberta by the Presbyterian Church until regularly ordained ministers were sent in and scattered groups were gathered into congregations. The first group to ask for a minister was at Edmonton, and in response Rev. A. B. Baird came in 1881. (In 1887 he was succeeded by Rev. D. G. McQueen who was minister of First Church until his death in 1930.) In 1883 the Rev. Angus Robertson, having driven from the end of steel on the Canadian Pacific Railway near Maple Creek, reached Calgary. He organized the congregation and was the first missionary specially sent to the scattered settlers of Central and Southern Alberta. (Other congregations soon followed and churches were opened in other parts of the province.)

Wherever there was a congregation mission work was being done, in welcoming newcomers, looking after sick or ailing ones and helping all to establish themselves. The women, through their Ladies' Aid Societies, were working to pay for their church building, putting in seats (the first seats were often planks upheld by blocks cut from trees), getting hymn books, plastering or heating the church, and often collecting money to pay for their minister's salary. In the early nineties there were no self-supporting congregations; all were dependent on Home Mission funds and, although some of our women were members of the Foreign Missionary Society before coming West, many felt the immense importance of our Home work and everything else must stand aside and wait until we had a firm foundation on which to build. ''This one thing I do'' seemed to be the motto for the struggling Western Church. . . .

As early as 1892 a Foreign Missionary Society was started in Lethbridge; then came others, Calgary in 1897, Macleod in 1901, and Strathcona in 1903. A Home and Foreign Missionary Society was begun in First Church, Edmonton, in 1904, a Home Missionary Society in 1906, and a Foreign Society the same year. There were other groups doing missionary work of various kinds, sometimes co-operative.

The Ukrainians and others from Central Europe who came to the northern part of the province in the nineties had brought Foreign Mission work to our doors. When the Home Missionary Society was formed and the *Home Mission Pioneer* was published in its interests, we gladly contributed to it although not yet able in our young pioneer mission churches to support a Society.

But more people were coming in and those who had taken up their homesteads and cleared the land were getting returns in crops; conditions improved and people were beginning to be able to think of others.

A travelling Secretary, Miss Matilda Robinson, was sent through the West in 1905 and 1906 in the interests of the Home Missionary Society. She visited our various groups and organized Auxiliaries in villages and towns along the railway lines. Nine organizations were required to form a Presbyterial and the first to be organized was in Edmonton, in September 1906, with Mrs. D. G. McQueen, president, Mrs. A. F. Ewing, secretary, and Mrs. T. M. Turnbull, treasurer.

Red Deer also organized a Presbyterial in 1906, with Mrs. George Peattie as president. At the request of the Rev. J. C. Herdman, D.D., the Superintendent of Home Missions, a meeting of women interested in Home Missions was called to meet in Calgary in 1907, and widely separated workers were brought together. Before this they had been doing mission work as best they could in various isolated districts. These conferences, as they were called, were continued each year, meeting at the same time as the Synod, until the two Societies united in 1914 and they did much to prepare for that event. Mrs. A. F. Ewing, who acted as secretary, did valiant work in getting these meetings started, and the programmes never lacked interest. We learned what talented women we had in the province and how willing they were to use their gifts in the Master's service. . . .

In 1913 Dr. A. S. Grant organized a large Presbyterian gathering to which missionaries and their wives and families came from remote outposts on the frontiers, as guests of the Church. This Congress met in Massey Hall, Toronto, at the time of the meeting of the General Assembly. It marked, too, the tenth anniversary of the Women's Home Missionary Society, and as the story of the ten years' work was presented to the Congress in a crowded hall, many realized that the future of Canada depended largely on how the women of the Church discharged their responsibility in the transition years of their country's history.

The Foreign field had been brought to our doors and many eager women were anxiously inquiring how they could help. In the rural districts there were few women who were available to act as officers, and the Congress did much to hasten the union of the two societies, which was accomplished the following year.

With the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society and the Women's Home Missionary Society both functioning in the same place and sometimes in the same church, the difficulty was to avoid duplication of meeting and offerings. Efforts were made to find a plan whereby both branches of the work might be carried on in one Society.

Co-operative and Union Societies were tried but a larger and closer union seemed inevitable. As early as 1907, with this purpose in view, representatives from both executive boards met with the Home and Foreign Boards of the Church, meetings were held and gradually the two societies drew closer and, finally, joined forces in 1914, agreeing to take for their motto "The World for Christ"; and, believing that they could thus accomplish more and better missionary work, they dedicated themselves anew for service.

LITERATURE PAGE

Miss Louise A. Reith

Theme for 1948-49

WE hope that during 1947-48 as the Auxiliaries of the Society have been using OUR COMMISSION and the other books which have been recommended on the theme of World Evangelism there has come to the members a "new and compelling sense of mission" and a feeling of greater personal responsibility for maintaining and expanding the work of The Presbyterian Church in Canada in the various fields entrusted to its care. As the children have learned how the Bible goes to and is loved by children around the world we hope they have come to appreciate the Book more themselves and to feel that they are friends with those other children. As the teen-age people have winged their way over the world and have had fleeting glimpses of the young people and churches in other lands we hope they have felt themselves a part of a great fellowship.

Now it is time to think of the theme for the coming year. During 1947-48 our thoughts have travelled far. In 1948-49 we will focus our attention on one country—CHINA.

The children in the Mission Bands and Explorer Groups will share with joy in the experience of the Chinese children they will come to know through the pages of the story books for them on China. Girls' Groups with their Mission Study Packet will learn a great deal about China and the work for which our Church is responsible in that land. The members of the Auxiliaries, as they think of China, will think particularly of our pioneer field in Taiwan (Formosa), which once again is part of China. They will think of the land and its people, the religions which have influenced the lives of those people, the work which has been accomplished by our Church's Mission, the challenge of the present and the hope for the future. They will also consider the pioneer work being done to-day by our missionaries in the province of Yunnan, where many are hearing the Gospel preached for the first time.

Many interesting books are going to be available to help with the programmes on CHINA. We hope that all groups will plan to make the most of the opportunity offered them, that of knowing and understanding China better and of finding out how Christianity has taken root in that land and of the open doors that are there to-day.

Watch this page and the Book List on the inside of the back cover for further information about materials available on CHINA.

AUXILIARIES

Mrs. W. A. McLennan and Miss E. L. McClelland

Auxiliary Welcome and Welfare Secretary

WHAT should a Welcome and Welfare Secretary do? It is not possible to define all the duties of a Welcome and Welfare Secretary in an Auxiliary. Many of these she will know from her own intuition. The name implies giving a welcome to strangers and having an active interest in their material and spiritual welfare.

This secretary should be carefully chosen. First of all, she must really like people and know how to approach strangers in a friendly, kindly spirit. Her visits should not be made just from a sense of duty, but with a real desire to make the newcomer feel that the Church is interested. She should try to make contacts for the various members of the family with the organizations in the church, through the Sunday School, girls' or boys' groups, the Young People's Society, the Women's Association and the Auxiliaries of the Women's Missionary Society.

The secretary should not feel that her responsibility ends with the first call, but should keep the strangers in mind until they have found their place in the church. Naturally this implies that the visiting is not left to the Welcome and Welfare Secretary alone, and it is well to bear in mind that many young people who come to our country or neighbourhood appreciate a visit from those of their own age. She should not be discouraged if at times there seems to be little response; it takes a while for newcomers to feel at home.

How does the secretary get the names? They may be sent by the Director of Immigration for The Presbyterian Church in Canada, the Rev. H. R. Pickup. The minister may give her the name and address of a family he wishes her to visit, or she may just find them herself. She would also give to the minister any names she receives.

Another important duty is reporting removals. Here, too, prompt action is essential. The name and address should be sent to the minister of the congregation nearest the new home, or to the Welcome and Welfare Secretary of the Auxiliary there. If neither of these is known, send direct to the Welcome and Welfare Secretary, Room 800, 100 Adelaide Street West, Toronto 1, and it will be attended to promptly.

The Welcome and Welfare Secretary should keep an accurate record of calls made, removals reported and other activities and send it to her Presbyterial Secretary at the end of the year.

Auxiliary Library Secretary

The Library Secretary in the Auxiliary will, of course, co-operate with the Presbyterial Library Secretary, endeavouring to supply needs as requested and directed by her. At all times the Auxiliary Secretary shall have special regard to the quality and suitability of the reading matter sent out. A secretary who is always on the look-out will find many opportunities for this kindly service. There may be shut-ins or lonely people who would appreciate a nice magazine that someone else has finished; it may be a family where there are children who would love some of the many children's magazines; it may be a newcomer to Canada who could be introduced to our better magazines. So, while there are needs to be met by larger quantities of magazines and books, let us not lose sight of the fact that there are individuals near at hand who would appreciate some extra thing to read. Just here one would suggest that the Library Secretary and the Welcome and Welfare Secretary can be helpful to each other. The Auxiliary should not send quantities of reading matter to a great distance without making sure that this is the proper thing to do.

GIRLS and LEADERS

Mrs. Harold Keefer, *Secretary*

SUMMER has brought vacation time to the boys and girls on the Mistawasis Reserve in Saskatchewan. For two months they will share in all of the activities of their families—the farming, the fishing and berry picking, and the handcraft projects at home. Then in September they will go back to school work again.

School for these boys and girls is the government school on the Mistawasis Reserve. Towards the expenses of the school our Presbyterian Women's Missionary Society makes a contribution. This year $480.00 of the money contributed by our girls' groups will go towards the school work on this reserve. Thus you will be interested in learning about the school.

During the last school term twenty pupils were enrolled. Almost all of these were treaty Indians. Six of the pupils were girls, ranging in age from 7 to 15. The fourteen boys were between the ages of 7 and 14. The school provides grades one to eight. Last year, however, there were pupils only in the first five grades.

Many of the pupils have long distances to walk to school. It is fun in spring and fall to have this walk, but the snow and low temperatures of Northern Saskatchewan often make it difficult for them to get to school during the winter months. Plenty of coal is needed to keep the school fires burning on those bitter days. It is important, too, that pupils who cannot go home for lunch should have something hot to eat at noon. All of the pupils remain at school now and help to prepare a hot meal. Our Women's Missionary Society buys the fuel and the food for these hot lunches and this year we in the girls' department have been given responsibility for the cost of these supplies.

For nineteen years the Rev. W. W. Moore has been the teacher at the school as well as the minister, adviser and friend of the Indians on the reserve. Mr. Moore has done much for the Indian people whom he has learned to love. One event that has become a tradition on the reserve is the annual Christmas dinner—with turkey, plum pudding and all the trimmings—which Mr. Moore gives for his people.

"What happens to the pupils when they graduate from your school?" we asked Mr. Moore. "Many of them go on to residential school for further education," he replied. "From our Birtle Indian

Residential School in Manitoba come good reports of the work done there by graduates of our school.'' One of the problems facing these young people according to Mr. Moore is the scarcity of positions open to Indian boys and girls. The girls are particularly limited in this regard. Some of them find domestic work in homes in nearby communities, but it is hoped that, as they receive additional training, other positions will be open to them. Many of the girls, of course, after a year or two at home or in a position, marry and establish homes on the reserve or in neighbouring communities.

You will be glad to share in this work at the Mistawasis Reserve. Make sure that your girls' group makes a good contribution.

The $1,200.00 contributed by girls' groups this year is to be divided as follows:

Mistawasis Reserve, Saskatchewan (school work)	$480.00
Helen Macdonald Girls' School, Jhansi, India	300.00
British Guiana—salary of Miss Eileen Budhoo, deaconess	420.00

—*Margaret Webster.*

CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT

Mrs. W. N. Ferguson, *Secretary*

MANY leaders are always on the look-out for pictures of our missionaries. Recently a fine poster with pictures of the missionaries who went overseas in the fall of 1947 was sent out to all the congregations of our Church. (The Rev. Thomas Maxwell did not leave for British Guiana until April 1948.) Most of these missionaries were going out for the first time, while others were returning to their fields after furlough, or to work they had had to leave because of the war. Three copies of the poster were sent to each congregation. Additional copies may be obtained from the Missionary Education Department, Room 801, 100 Adelaide Street West, Toronto 1.

In the centre of the poster is a picture of Dr. John Geddie, the first Canadian Presbyterian overseas missionary. It is just one hundred years since he arrived at the island of Aneityum, one of the New Hebrides group in the South Pacific. When John Geddie left Nova Scotia for the South Seas he knew he was going into danger and would meet many difficulties. He found, however, that although on some of the islands there were cannibals who were not friendly to white men the people on Aneityum were friendly to visitors and traders.

As Mr. Geddie heard the islanders around him talking and laughing, he thought, ''I have no idea what they are saying. The first thing I must do is learn their language.'' Some of the men of the island had learned a few English words from the traders who came to buy arrow-root, which was the chief product of the island, and they could help him get the things he actually needed. But those words were not of any help to him in telling of God's love and Jesus Christ. He must learn the island language. As the islanders told him the words for objects around them he watched their lips and he got them to say words slowly over and over again so that he could see the position of their lips, tongue and teeth, and find out how he should hold his lips and tongue and teeth, in order to make the sounds correctly. The islanders thought that very silly and walked away, leaving the missionary feeling disappointed and wondering what he could try next.

The captain of the ship that brought John Geddie to Aneityum had given him a box of sea-biscuits as a parting gift. Neither of them thought those biscuits would be a great help in learning a language. This is what happened. One day Mr. Geddie gave a man one of the biscuits; he liked it very much and stretched out his hand for another. This gave Mr. Geddie an idea, and he said to the man, ''I'll trade you!'' He would give the man biscuits if he would repeat words so that Mr. Geddie could learn the language sounds. The man was delighted. Soon there were many people ready to repeat, as often as necessary, any word Mr. Geddie wanted, so that they would be given biscuits.

It was not long until Mr. Geddie was telling the islanders stories about Jesus from the Book of *Mark*. After telling a story he would write it down, then taking his Bible write down as far as possible the exact words of the Gospel—so the translation of the Bible into the language of Aneityum was started. The people learned to love and trust John. When he told them money was needed to print a Bible in their language they agreed to set aside one-tenth of their arrow-root crop to pay for the printing of the New Testament. This they did, and when that tenth was harvested and sold they had two thousand dollars! The copy of the New Testament in their language was then sent away to another country to be printed. Nothing was heard of it for a long time, then one day a ship stopped at the island and unloaded several bundles for John Geddie. There was great rejoicing, for these bundles contained the New Testaments, and soon each family was the proud possessor of a copy. Then the islanders started to learn to read, using the New Testament as their text-book.

After living and working for twenty-four years on the island of

Aneityum John Geddie died. In the largest church on the island the people put up a tablet as a memorial; on it were these words—

> When he landed in 1848
> There were no Christians here;
> And when he left in 1872
> There were no heathen.

—*Lily M. Macarthur.*

THROUGH THE SOCIETY

BRITISH COLUMBIA

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THE annual meeting of British Columbia Synodical Society was held in Fairview Church, Vancouver, on April 27th, 28th, and 29th. Miss Sybil D. White presided at all sessions. The devotional services were conducted by Mrs. M. D. McPhee, Rev. F. G. St. Denis, Miss Helen Ross, Miss Grace Lee of Victoria, and Miss Ruth Yeandle.

There were many encouraging reports. The treasurer reported $6,000.00 sent to the general treasurer, more than the allocation. To the supply fund $319.00 was given. Mrs. J. Blott reported an increase in the children's work; Mrs. R. S. Stevens reported new Young Women's groups and more Home Helpers. Each secretary spoke encouragingly of work accomplished during the year.

There were many interesting guest speakers: the Rev. M. Nicolson of Fairview Church, who gave an inspiring address; Miss Catherine Watson, who gave an interesting talk on the Children's Centre, describing the training of the children and telling of the various groups and their activities in this important work; Miss Hazel Greenwood, president of the Provincial Anglican Young People's Association, who spoke of the Oslo Youth Conference; Mrs. E. McQueen reviewed the history of Victoria Presbyterial Society; and in ''Three Years in Review'' Miss Sybil White gave a most informative address on the work during her term as president. Greetings from the Presbyterials were brought by Mrs. W. Gill of Kamloops-Okanagan, Mrs. R. Armour of Kootenay, Mrs. M. Fuller of Victoria, and Mrs. W. J. McFadden of Westminster; and from sister Societies by Mrs. F. G. Cousins for the Anglicans, Mrs. C. R. Elsey for the Baptists, and Mrs. C. W. Hodgson for the United Church.

Six Auxiliaries of Westminster Presbyterial shared in a presentation of Mission work at home and abroad, as given in the study book *Our Commission.* Most stimulating was Mrs. Lyle McGlashan's address, ''Girls graduate — Where?'' Mrs. George Ledingham, Jr., gave an excellent talk on ''Helping girls to find their places in God's plan''. The Marpole (formerly Richmond) C.G.I.T., under the leadership of Mrs. Ben Moreside, held an impressive affiliation service, in which Mrs. W. T. Beattie, Synodical Girls' Organizations Secretary assisted.

Mrs. Harry Con of the Chinese Mission, Vancouver, gave an interesting talk on the Chinese work at the Mission and the far-reaching influence of Christianity in their community. Miss Grace Lee, a worker at the Chinese Mission in Victoria, also spoke on the difference Christianity can make in one's life.

The Rev. H. A. Berlis, Moderator of Presbytery, installed the officers. New officers: Mrs. Robert Pollock, President; Mrs. W. J. Murdoch, 1st Vice-President; Mrs. W. J. McFadden, 2nd Vice-President; Home Helpers Secretary, Mrs. H. Warren; Supply Secretary, Mrs. M. Surtees; Visual Education, Miss Catherine Watson; Historian, Miss S. White.

Kamloops–Okanagan Presbyterial — The Presbyterial regrets to record the passing of Mrs. D. B. Johnston, formerly of Kamloops. A faithful and untiring worker, she served in various offices in the Women's Missionary Society until three years ago, when failing eyesight compelled her to give up active work. Her inspiring presence has been greatly missed at our Presbyterial meetings. Our deepest sympathy is with her husband and family in their bereavement.

The Presbyterial president, Mrs. W. Gill visited St. Andrew's Auxiliary, Armstrong, and her report of the Synodical meeting was greatly appreciated by the members.

Westminster Presbyterial — At the May meeting of St. Andrew's-St. Stephen's Young Women's Auxiliary, North Vancouver, the president, Miss Margaret Green, took up the study for the day, and Mrs. Walter Barlow, the senior Auxiliary president, gave a talk on Formosa. Also present was Miss Chrissie Diffin, formerly a deaconess on the North Shore, who organized the Young Women's Auxiliary in 1943.

ALBERTA

MRS. A. A. MACGREGOR, 9824 103RD ST., EDMONTON, PRESS SECRETARY

ALBERTA'S annual Synodical meeting was held in Grace Church, Calgary, on April 6th and 7th, with seventy delegates representing the four Presbyterial Societies. Mrs. R. H. MacMicking, Edmonton, retiring president, conducted the well balanced programme. The devotional periods with which the sessions opened were particularly helpful; all missionaries were remembered by name in prayer.

Morning sessions were largely given over to reports, and out of the open discussion came several resolutions dealing with practical means of strengthening work in the province, to be forwarded to the Council. All financial objectives had been exceeded, and the work of Miss Athalie Read, regional secretary, was commended for greater interest aroused in various districts. Miss Read, speaking on the general subject of "Our Weaknesses and How to Overcome Them", gave glimpses of what she is doing and what should be accomplished. Mrs. W. B. McIntosh, Lloydminster (formerly Miss Ruby Blyth) told some of her experiences in Esquimalt during the war years, and at the closing session the Rev. Dr. F. S. Morley gave a stirring message on the responsibility of a personal response to the command "Go Ye". The Rev. Ian MacSween of Sylvan Lake, Moderator of Synod, was another welcome speaker, as was also the Rev. Dr. Toth, who having spent the war years in Hungary told something of how the average family there existed under war conditions. Mrs. Toth added the woman's viewpoint. Dr. and Mrs. Toth have recently returned to Calgary, where he is minister of Calvin Hungarian

Church and in charge of other points in the district. Tuesday evening's programme was in charge of the young people and their leaders and Synodical secretaries. Special decorative effects were again arranged by Mr. J. Moors and Mr. G. Munroe, and groups from the Calgary churches presented a radio-television portrayal of Women's Missionary Society work, beginning with a conference attended by delegates dressed to represent the various nationalities and groups served in Canada and in British Guiana, Formosa, India and China, and closing with a dramatic ''trial'' of a careless young woman faced — and charged — with conditions she ignored or was indifferent about. For the discussion of reports the next morning the delegates divided into groups—senior Auxiliary members on one side and those belonging to the younger groups on the other; the latter numbers were most encouraging. All in all, it was a very helpful Synodical meeting, beginning with an inspiring message from Mrs. D. G. McQueen, honorary president and historian, and culminating in a meeting of the new Board under the newly elected president, Mrs. George Metcalfe of Calgary. Further plans for co-operation with Miss Read were outlined, and other business transacted. Attention is called to the change in officers—the Synodical Treasurer now Mrs. J. H. Jamieson, 1813 16A St. West, Calgary; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Marion McKay, 1611 7A St. N.W., Calgary; Welcome and Welfare Secretary, Mrs. W. J. Kirkpatrick, Box 158, Red Deer.

Calgary Presbyterial—The North Hill Auxiliary, Calgary, has suffered a great loss in the passing on April 19th of Mrs. Wm. Donaldson, an esteemed and beloved member. Mrs. Donaldson reorganized the Auxiliary in 1925 and was president for eight years, leading the society through its most difficult years.

Edmonton Presbyterial—At a combined mother-and-daughter banquet and affiliation service of all Presbyterian C.G.I.T. groups in the city, held on May 25th in First Church, 135 were present. The speakers were Mrs. R. H. MacMicking and Mrs. C. Oscroft, Synodical and Presbyterial presidents, Miss Read, regional secretary, and Mrs. R. Paterson, Presbyterial Girls' Organizations secretary. Much credit is due to Miss Shaw, deaconess at First Church, and the C.G.I.T. leaders for a very pleasant evening.

A new C.G.I.T. group in Rupert Street Church, Edmonton, held their affiliation service on May 4th, under the leadership of Miss Helen McNeil and Mrs. Mortenson. About eighty friends and C.G.I.T. members were present. Miss Read, regional secretary, was present and Mrs. Oscroft and Mrs. Irving brought greetings from the executive.

Macleod Presbyterial—To the members of St. John's Young Women's Auxiliary, Medicine Hat, meeting at the home of Miss Alice Ann Hawthorne, Miss Athalie Read, regional secretary, gave an interesting address on regional work in the province. Miss Read also spoke at a joint meeting of the Senior and Young Women's Auxiliaries. Slides of Formosa were shown and a very interesting talk was given about them.

At a recent meeting St. Andrew's Auxiliary, Lethbridge, had as their guests the C.G.I.T. group under the leadership of Miss Jean Thomson and the Explorer Group, under the leadership of Miss Isabel Young, who took part in an impressive service when the groups became affiliated with the Women's Missionary Society. Mrs. E. L. Garvin and Mrs. H. Austin welcomed the groups into the Women's Missionary Society. The Auxiliary recently held a tea at the home of Mrs. H. Austin, their president, in honour of Mrs. F. H. Blackbourne, who has moved to Calgary. On behalf of all present, Mrs. E. L. Garvin presented a gift to Mrs. Blackbourne, expressing their best wishes for her happiness in her new home. Auxiliary members were also joint hostesses with the Ladies' Aid at a gathering at the home of Mrs. W. Hope, when Mrs. Blackbourne was given an overnight case. Mrs. Blackbourne has been a very faithful member of the St. Andrew's Auxiliary and will be greatly missed by her many friends.

SASKATCHEWAN

Mrs. Jay Watson, Box 1056,
Weyburn, Press Secretary

MOOSE Jaw Presbyterial—The Briercrest Auxiliary adopted a family in England recently, and is sending a parcel of food and clothing to them each month. The first parcels have been acknowledged with grateful thanks.

Miss Ruby Walker was the guest speaker at the Easter Thank-offering meeting of Knox Church Auxiliary, Weyburn. Her subject was: "The Duty and Privilege of Christian Men and Women". "As God called Abraham and Moses long ago, so does He call Christians to-day," she said. ". . . The home has a great privilege and influence in building for His Kingdom. Those of us who are not able to go and preach can by prayer help those who have heard the Master's call to go forth."

Prince Albert Presbyterial—At the regular meeting of the Tisdale Auxiliary, Mrs. M. MacLeod gave an interesting and full report of the Synodical annual meeting, held recently in Regina. The members of the Mission Band and the girls' group, with their mothers, numbering 53 in all, were guests. Lunch was served and a social hour followed. Birthday congratulations were extended to Mrs. Glazier, leader of the girls' group and also to Mrs. Tuck, their honorary president. Mrs. Tuck, who was 78, is a very active and much esteemed member of the society. Miss Mary Argall, speaking for the Mission Band, and Miss Caroline Johnston, for the girls' group, thanked the Auxiliary.

MANITOBA

Mrs. James Gibb, 308 South Marks St.,
Fort William, Ont., Press Secretary

DELEGATES from the three Presbyterials attended the annual meeting of the Synodical Society, held in St. James Church, Winnipeg, on April 21st and 22nd. The meeting opened with a communion service conducted by the Rev. D. C. Hill, assisted by Dr. Murphy, Dr. Howick, Rev. J. S. Flook and Rev. A. C. Aicken. Mrs. C. LeCocq presided at all sessions, and the devotions were conducted by representatives of Brandon, Superior and Winnipeg Presbyterials.

Mrs. LeCocq stressed the need of Christianity if there is to be world peace. The fear in the world to-day, she said, is drawing people towards Christianity and filling the churches. Referring to the many "isms" in the world, she emphasized the need of diligent effort on the part of every member of the Church.

The secretaries' reports were very encouraging, showing increases in all departments. The Presbyterials had exceeded their allocations.

Library, Literature, *Glad Tidings* and Welcome and Welfare secretaries, all reported much activity; literature sales were higher and there was a good assortment of books on hand. Home Helpers showed an increase. The Lantern Slide secretary was disappointed that slides were not being used more. Young Women's and Evening guilds had been very active. Work among girls and children was progressing as the young were being trained in the work of the Church.

After the singing of the Doxology, in gratitude for what they had been able to accomplish during the year, and prayer by Mrs. D. C. Hill, a service of remembrance was conducted for those who had passed away during the year.

Miss Ruby Walker, regional secretary for Manitoba and Saskatchewan, addressed the meeting. Her advice was, ''Do not be discouraged by decreases. We will find results if we go out with a resolve to do so.'' The women of the Women's Missionary Society, she reminded them, have a contribution to make to the work of the Church—every branch has its part.

At the supper hour the guests were welcomed by Mrs. H. H. Dunwoody, the Rev. D. C. Hill brought greetings from the Synod, and Mrs. C. LeCocq read greetings from Mrs. J. G. Inkster, President of the Women's Missionary Society, Western Division. The evening service was conducted by Dr. A. F. Howick. Spiritual heroism was suggested as the answer to world problems of to-day. ''In the challenge of Christian discipleship'', Dr. Howick said, ''we have failed in the present day by not making the challenge high.''

On Thursday morning reports were continued, all again testifying to much work done and advances made. Mrs. G. W. Bradley led an instructive and helpful discussion on reports. Mrs. A. McKay of Brandon presented resolutions recommending more Bible study and a greater effort to further the work of the Church, emphasizing the need of a stricter observance of Sunday, and the need of more work among the youth of the community to offset the propaganda of subversive and atheistic organizations.

After the election the Rev. D. C. Hill conducted the installation service. Mrs. W. S. Nairn's message was a very fitting one with which to close a most successful meeting. Mrs. F. A. Gemmel offered the closing prayer. On Thursday afternoon Mrs. D. H. Ross graciously opened her home for a Board meeting and reception.

Winnipeg Presbyterial — The Calvin Thank-offering meeting was held in the church on April 29th, with the Rev. A. C. Aicken presiding. Devotions were taken by Mrs. Scott and Mrs. Ritchie. Mrs. J. P. Duffin spoke on ''Thank-offering'' and what it means. The Mission Band, of which Mrs. W. S. Smith is leader, contributed to the programme by singing two choruses. Tea was served after the meeting. At another meeting the Auxiliary had as their speaker Mrs. Walker, the mother of Miss Ruby Walker, regional secretary for Manitoba and Saskatchewan.

The Auxiliaries of St. John's and Old Kildonan Churches met together on May 6th in St. John's Church, Winnipeg, with the two presidents, Mrs. J. Neville and Mrs. J. P. Duffin, in charge. Two sets of slides were shown, the first on China, ''South of the Clouds'', and the second showing the work at the Cecilia Jeffrey School, Kenora, Ontario. Mrs. Duffin was the narrator. Mrs. George Bradley, Presbyterial President, spoke briefly. There were 39 present, including some from the other Presbyterian churches in the city. The offering amounted to $11.70.

First Church Evening Auxiliary had St. John's Evening Auxiliary as guests at a meeting held at the home of Miss M. C. Johnstone. Members of the two Auxiliaries took part in the devotional service. Miss Ruby Walker spoke of Christ's command—''Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature.'' Mrs. H. H. Dunwoody spoke briefly on the danger of Communism. Mrs. G. W. Bradley extended greetings from the Presbyterial Society.

HAMILTON AND LONDON

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IN First Presbyterian Church, Chatham, some 140 delegates and officers assembled for the annual meeting of the Synodical Society May 11th and 12th. On Monday evening May 10th, following the supper, provided by Chatham Presbyterial, the president, Mrs. Munro of Hamilton, introduced Mrs. J. G. Inkster, President of the Women's Missionary Society, W.D., and Mrs. W. A. McLennan, both of Toronto. Later the Board met, and the other delegates had a conference, led by Mrs. Inkster; later all joined in ''family devotions'' conducted by Mrs. S. M. Gordon of Hamilton.

As the theme of the devotions on Tuesday morning, the Rev. M. S. Fulton took Christ's command to the disciples, ''Tarry in Jerusalem till ye be endued with power from on high.'' He said, ''Following our personal experience of the *new life* in Christ must come the demonstration of the *changed life*, then the proclamation to others of the saving power of Christ.'' Mrs. Donald McLaren, in welcoming the delegates, referred to the early settlers in Essex and Kent counties, and the formation of the first Auxiliary in 1868, and the Presbyterial in 1885—''These are the foundations on which we work to-day, and from the past we take courage to go ahead.'' The Rev. John Waldie, presenting Synod's greetings, spoke of the problems facing city and rural churches to-day, challenging us as Christians to show ourselves to *all* newcomers, ''having the same mind in us as is found in Christ''. Tuesday evening brought a splendid panel discussion by the Organizations Secretaries. Chatham Evening and Young Women's Auxiliary members were in charge of the devotions. The Right Rev. C. H. MacDonald, Moderator, spoke of the Church's needs to-day—''more preachers, more teachers, more deaconesses, more workers for overseas as well as for national work, and more money to take care of this needed expansion. But, more than all, we need consecrated life within the homes, that children may grow up where God is loved, Christ is worshipped, the ministry held up as the ideal life, where there is always time to commune with God.''

Tuesday afternoon, Miss Isabel McConnell, wearing a beautiful green and silver *sari*, the gift of Jobat nurses and students, spoke of ''What it means to be a missionary''. After 20 years' service among the very rich and the very poor, she said, ''All are desperately in need of the story of Jesus' love. It *costs* to be a missionary, but it is joy unspeakable to see lives transformed.'' She said, ''Yes, your missionaries can get results if you at home are faithful in your prayers. We are workers together with Him; we work with you at home, you with us in India. If we have the real vision, we will pray, we will give, we will go.''

Mrs. McLennan spoke briefly on ''Our Organization'', the duties of the various branches and their officers. She emphasized the importance of friendliness, fellowship and loyalty. The immediate needs: more missionaries, teachers, and young women to be regional secretaries in Canada. Mrs. Inkster brought greetings from the Women's Missionary Society, Western Division, presided during the election, and installed the officers. In her closing message Mrs. Munro, re-elected president, spoke of the world's need of Christ—''We know His saving power; can we not give more freely of our means to bring Him to others? It is *our* responsibility as Christians.''

Bruce and Owen Sound's 34th annual Presbyterial meeting was held in Chesley, with a goodly representation from the Auxiliaries. One new Mission Band and two new Young Women's groups and their objective exceeded were highlights of reports. Mrs. D. Munro, Synodical President, and Miss Beatrice Scott of India were the principal speakers.

At the Thank-offering meeting of the Tara Senior Auxiliary, Mrs. Hart of Port Elgin addressed the women, including some from Owen Sound and Allenford, on the hymn, ''Jesus shall reign where'er the sun, Does his successive journeys run.''

Chatham—At their April meeting the Isabel McConnell Auxiliary, Leamington, welcomed Miss McConnell, who described conditions in India, showing that the need for missionaries was still very great. Speaking at a gathering at St. Andrew's Church, Puce, when women from three neighbouring churches were present, Mrs. George Campbell of Olinda stressed the value of the work overseas, as proved by the treatment of our soldiers in areas where missionaries had been at work. Members of Blenheim, Thamesville, Turin and Duart Auxiliaries were guests of the Ridgetown Senior Auxiliary in May, when Mrs. D. McLeod, Thamesville, spoke on ''The Lord's Prayer''. About 70 women from various churches attended the Wallaceburg Thank-offering meeting; Mrs. A. H. Jared of St. James Anglican Church gave an address on ''Prayer''.

''Make Canada Thine Own'' was the theme of the April meeting of the Ellen Douglas Auxiliary, Knox, Windsor. ''Good foundations have been laid. Let us go forward and enrich them.'' Mrs. J. E. Ruth, speaking at the May meeting of St. Andrew's Senior Auxiliary, said, ''May we strive to build a Church worthy of the foundations that have been laid overseas as well as in Canada.''

Hamilton—At North Pelham Auxiliary's Thank-offering meeting, Mrs. J. M. Dickson of St. David's gave an address on ''Privilege and Responsibility''. Mrs. Lawson, the wife of Rev. Wm. Lawson of the Lousana field, Alta., told the new C.G.I.T. group of St. Paul's, Hamilton, of the work being done there. The C.G.I.T. group of St. David's, Hamilton, had a mother-and-daughter banquet recently. Their leader, Mrs. J. McLelland, is leaving to work with her husband on a home mission field. There is a new Mission Band at North Pelham, ''The Desta Woods Branch'', with Mrs. Wm. Rice as leader.

Huron—Celebrating the centennial of Carmel Church, Hensall, the Auxiliary, organized in 1890, invited Presbyterial officers and neighbouring Auxiliaries to their meeting. Mrs. Bisset, Presbyterial President, and Mrs. D. J. Lane spoke; Mrs. Arnold, the only charter member, could not attend. (The birthday cake carried a model of the log church built 100 years ago.) Caven Auxiliary, Exeter, celebrated their 50th birthday; Seaforth and Goderich Auxiliary members brought greetings and Mrs. Bisset was the speaker; a candle-lighting service was held in memory of former presidents, the first president, Mrs. F. W. Gladner, being remembered by her daughter.

Sarnia—Miss M. E. Anderson visited Mooretown, Sarnia, Bear Creek, Petrolia, Oil Springs and West Adelaide Auxiliaries, telling of British Guiana and its peoples and of the work she is doing as a missionary there. At their Easter Thank-offering Mrs. Killen addressed the Mooretown Auxiliary. Speaking of the eagerness of the women to tell the disciples of Christ's resurrection, she said, ''Let us, too, go quickly to work for the Master.''

TORONTO AND KINGSTON

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THE annual meeting of the Synodical Society was held in First Presbyterian Church, Collingwood, on April 27, 28, 29. Some three hundred officers and delegates attended the various sessions where splendid messages were heard on the various phases of the Society's work.

Mrs. A. Glenn Thompson, first Vice-President, presided at all sessions. Greetings were brought from Synod by the Moderator, the Rev. J. R. Greig of Collingwood. Members of the Canadian Girls in Training group acted as ushers and assisted in the taking of the offering.

Speakers at the first evening session were the Rev. and Mrs. Joseph Muchan of Jhansi, India. Mr. Muchan, referring to the theme of the meeting, ''God's Commands'', said, ''To do God's will we must obey His command.'' He emphasized five points which he held it wise to follow: to admit the Truth, submit to its teachings, memorize it, meditate on it, transmit it to others. Mrs. Muchan gave a running commentary on the interesting slides which were shown of work being carried on in India. They presented a vivid picture of life in that country. Before showing the slides, Mr. and Mrs. Muchan sang a duet in Hindi.

On Wednesday afternoon Mrs. H. C. McKellar, Hamilton, conducted an impressive service for their late president and treasurer, Mrs. W. M. Hall and Mrs. H. W. Morgan, who had both died recently. High tribute was paid to the outstanding ability and fine Christian character of these two members and letters of sympathy received from many sources were read. Miss M. Ellen Anderson of British Guiana was the principal speaker at this session. Introduced by Miss Laura K. Pelton, Overseas Secretary, she gave a very earnest address on the theme ''Ambassadors for Christ'', in which she told of the country, the people and the missionary need of British Guiana.

Devotional exercises on Wednesday evening were conducted by the Rev. J. R. Greig and the Very Rev. A. C. Stewart, Midland. Music by the senior and junior choirs was much enjoyed. Miss Frieda Matthews, National Missions Secretary, spoke of the fine work being done in the western provinces but stressed the necessity for more camps and more workers among children. The Rev. J. A. Munro, Superintendent of Western Missions, thrilled the audience with his splendid appeal on behalf of the Advance for Christ.

Mrs. J. G. Inkster conducted the election and installed the officers at the Thursday afternoon session. Mrs. A. Glenn Thompson, the new president, closed this session with a challenging address, ''Onward and Upward''.

Before the delegates left afternoon tea was served by the Collingwood ladies and a social hour enjoyed. On the 27th the Board had been entertained at luncheon at the home of Mrs. K. N. Cooper.

Kingston—The 62nd annual meeting of Kingston Presbyterial Society was held in St. Andrew's Church, Kingston. In spite of inclement weather there was a large attendance. Mrs. D. L. Fleming presided at both sessions. Mrs. Rollins read condensed yearly reports of the secretaries. Gananoque Auxiliary members conducted the service of worship at the morning session and Amherst Island members that in the afternoon. Miss Frieda Matthews, National Missions Secretary, spoke of the great challenge facing the Presbyterian Church and later introduced Miss M. E. Anderson, who spoke on the work in British Guiana, basing her remarks on the text, ''Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest.''. No field, she said, would be more ready for harvest than British Guiana.

Orangeville—The 62nd annual Presbyterial meeting was held in Burns Church, Erin, with Mrs. R. D. Fraser presiding at both sessions and some hundred and twenty members present. Devotional services, based on the theme ''Rejoice'', were led by Dundalk and Ventry Auxiliary members in the morning and Horning's Mills and Price's Corners in the afternoon. Having the reports divided between the two sessions resulted in keener interest; all secretaries gave encouraging reports. Tribute was paid to the memory of Mrs. Hall and Mrs. Morgan of the Synodical Society and of Mrs. James McKechnie of Erin, their honorary president, who had for many years been a tower of strength to the Presbyterial. Mrs. Glenn Thompson brought greetings from the Synodical Board. ''While it is human nature,'' she said, ''to 'sidestep' the difficult things in life, let us make the difficult things easy by doing them in His name.'' Mrs. A. E. Toombs, who spent 20 years on the Bhil Field, gave much cause for thought and prayer in her talk on ''The Status of Women in India''.

At the affiliation service of St. Andrew's C.G.I.T., Hillsburgh, many Auxiliary members and friends were present. The senior girls, directed by Mrs. Mungo Nodwell, the group leader, presented ''Bib Puppets'' on their missionary study, *Wings Over the World*, and the intermediates, each dressed to represent a girl of the country they had studied, told of the church there. The gathering was divided into different nations for two missionary contests, and a sing-song brought an inspiring service to a close.

MONTREAL AND OTTAWA

Mrs. J. R. Hill, 250 Cooper Street,
Ottawa, Press Secretary

GLENGARRY—St. Andrew's Church, Martintown, was the setting for the 34th annual Presbyterial meeting. Mrs. A. K. MacMillan presided, 108 delegates and visitors were present. Speakers included Miss Mary Ellen Anderson, who impressed everyone by her vivid description of her work in British Guiana; Mrs. W. A. McLennan, who clarified many points that came up for discussion and installed the newly elected officers; and the Rev. H. A. Doig, Maxville, who spoke on ''Missions and the Church''. Mrs. Doig reported on the Synodical meeting in Montreal; Mrs. W. E. Baker brought Synodical greetings and Mrs. E. E. Preston spoke of the Peace Memorial Camp at Lancaster. Presbytery's greetings were brought by the Moderator, the Rev. Maurice McNabb. The Rev. D. N. MacMillan, on behalf of Kenyon Auxiliary, invited the Presbyterial to meet in Dunvegan next year. The Rev. R. Millar presided at the evening session. The president Mrs. G. S. Lloyd of Cornwall announced that the next Synodical meeting would be in Cornwall. It was decided to meet the increased allocation with free will offerings. Mrs. D. Mason McLennan gave the closing message. Literature was on display and for sale.

Lanark and Renfrew—A joint meeting of the Evening groups of Perth and Smith's Falls was held in Westminster Church, Smith's Falls. Mrs. H. A. Stinson, who presided, expressed appreciation of the large gathering, and hoped all would be drawn closely together in this great work. Mrs. A. Gray, Perth, and Mrs. M. Peebles, Smith's Falls, led in the devotions. Miss Isabel Hill, Ottawa, Synodical Evening Secretary, gave an address on the subject ''The Living Christ'', linking this with certain highlights of the Synodical meeting.

At the Presbyterial executive meeting in Carleton Place the treasurer reported givings larger than for the same period last year. Mrs. J. M. Poole, Carleton Place, and Miss Mae Johnston, Perth, reported on the Synodical meeting.

Montreal — A mother-and-daughter C.G.I.T. banquet at First Church, Verdun, was most successful. Their newly appointed minister, Rev. Donald Correal, responded to the toast to the Church, which was proposed by Miss Sheena Caulfield. Mrs. R. MacDonald spoke for the Presbyterial, Mrs. J. Robertson for the Auxiliary, and Mr. Gibson Smith for the Kirk Session. Mrs. A. M. Hill presented the cup to the winning group. Coloured slides of the Peace Memorial Camp at Lancaster, to which some of the girls went last year, brought back happy memories and aroused keen interest among those present.

Ottawa — Erskine Young Women's regular meeting coincided with the birthdays of their minister, the Rev. R. Good, and Mr. Lorne Lemoine, divinity student and member of Erskine Church. In a fine address, the latter pointed out the privilege of our missionary responsibility. Mrs. J. R. Hill spoke briefly. Mr. Good and Mr. Lemoine were presented with suitable gifts. A social hour followed.

St. Giles' C.G.I.T., having studied *Wings Over the World,* made their annual spring tea a World Friendship tea, showing the thorough training given in this year's study. Maps were used freely, with coloured strings marking our Church's mission fields; on the platform were dolls dressed in national costumes, and around the room were gaily coloured paintings of scenes from many lands, the work of two of the girls. In connection with their mother-and-daughter programme this group held their affiliation service. Miss Evelyn Reid, leader, Miss Margaret Logan-Vencta, president, and Miss Isabel Hill, Presbyterial Girls' Organizations Secretary, conducted this service.

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St. Margaret's Girls' Centre	295.19
Organization	556.19
Supplies	849.07
Exchange	3.82
Publications	605.37
Administration	992.45
Deputation	90.30
Missionaries' Expenses	57.45
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British Guiana	100.75
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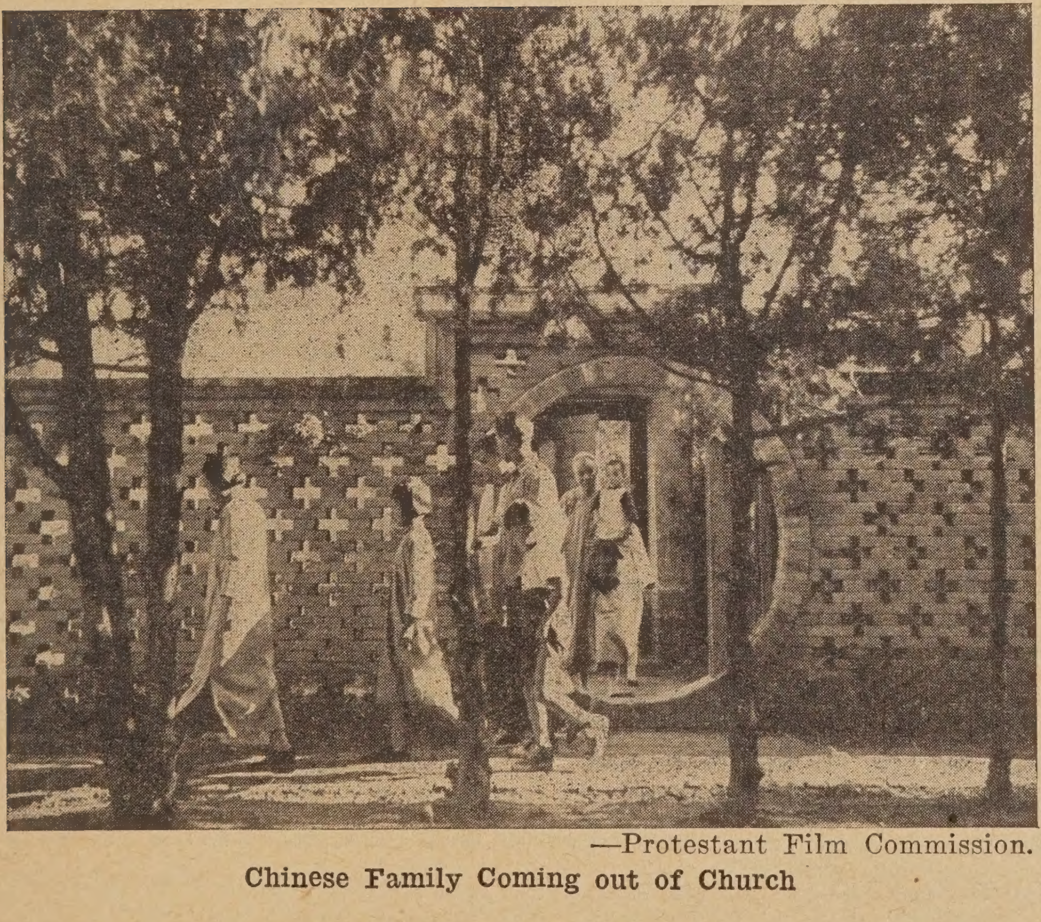

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EDITORIAL

In accordance with the recommendation accepted by the Council last year Miss Pelton, Executive Secretary for Overseas Missions, is to visit the fields in the East during the coming months. Leaving Toronto on September 22nd, she was to go by plane to Formosa, stopping in Japan for a few days on the way, and later visit Shanghai and South Yunnan, and then go to India. She expects to be away until March. At the same time the Rev. J. A. Munro will visit the fields as a representative of the General Board of Missions.

Miss Margaret Webster, who has served for the past seven years as Girls' Work Secretary, under the Board of Sabbath Schools and Young People's Societies and our Women's Missionary Society, has been appointed Associate Secretary of the Department of Christian Education of the Canadian Council of Churches. She begins her new work on October 1st. (There will be more about Miss Webster and her work in the next number of *The Glad Tidings.*)

On September 4th Miss Helen N. Scott, Young Women's Secretary, was married in Knox College Chapel, Toronto, to the Rev. Donald R. Sinclair of Exeter, son of the Rev. and Mrs. N. R. D. Sinclair of Barrie. Our best wishes for their future happiness! (Mrs. Sinclair is going to continue her work as Young Women's Secretary for the present.)

Miss Edna Goodwill, who went to British Guiana as a missionary teacher in 1945 for a short term, has resigned and returned to Canada. During the past three years, Miss Goodwill has been teaching in the Berbice High School at New Amsterdam, and conducting Sunday Schools and working among women and young people on the Berbice field. It was with regret that we learned of her decision not to return to British Guiana. She is again teaching in Toronto.

It was with sincere regret that the Council Executive received the resignations of Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Pitts as principal and matron of the Cecilia Jeffrey Indian School at Kenora, Ontario. Since they went to the school in August 1940 they have worked faithfully, and successfully, in the responsible positions they held, for the good of the Indian boys and girls entrusted to their care. To them we extend our best wishes as Mr. Pitts enters on his new duties as assistant headmaster of the Highfield School for boys in Hamilton.

The Society was fortunate in being able to secure Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Ross of Saskatoon to succeed Mr. and Mrs. Pitts at the Cecilia Jeffrey School. Mr. Ross, whose home is in Saskatchewan, served overseas with the Canadian army from 1939 to 1945; recently he has been studying at the University of Saskatchewan. Mrs. Ross, who is a teacher, is a daughter of the Rev. Calvin and Mrs. Mackay, missionaries in Peru under the Free Church of Scotland. We wish them well in their new work at the Indian School.

We regret that, in the list of overseas missionaries on page 59 of the Annual Report, by a printer's error the date of appointment opposite Mrs. G. K. Agar's name is given as 1937 instead of 1947. After Miss Mary Sherrick's name (Amkhut) B.Ed. should have been inserted after B.A. When she was at home on furlough before, Miss Sherrick took a post-graduate course at the University of Saskatchewan, receiving the degree of Bachelor of Education.

Many of you will know that I have resigned as editor for our Women's Missionary Society. As my resignation was to take effect on September 15th, this October number of *The Glad Tidings* is the last for which I am responsible. I am, therefore, taking this opportunity of expressing my appreciation of the support given me by members of the Society and other readers during my thirteen years in office. By no means the least of the ''enduring satisfactions'' the years have brought has been the contact made, directly or through correspondence, with a great many of you. Very much appreciated has been the faithful work of secretaries who contributed material or endeavoured to maintain and extend the circulation, the ready response of those who were asked to write articles or prayers, and the kindly thought of those who sent in other contributions. To one and all I would say, ''Thank you,'' with the assurance that leaving this position does not mean any loss of interest in this part of the Society's work.

—*Helen Mackintosh.*

Concerning The Glad Tidings.

IT is unnecessary to remind our subscribers that printing costs have been continuing to rise during the past two years—since the increase compelled us to raise our subscription rates. We have known for some time, therefore, that we should have to face a further increase in cost. In July the Murray Printing Company notified us of an increase of approximately 30% in their price, effective with the September number.

That all may understand the situation, we quote their explanation for this increase:

> "1. Wages from 1942 to 1948 have increased approximately 65%. Aside from this, the work week has been reduced from forty-eight to forty hours. We now pay for eight statutory holidays, and two weeks' holiday with pay is now given for those with five years or more of service. Wages in the period 1947 to 1948 alone showed an increase of approximately 45%.
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> 2. The paper used for *Glad Tidings* has increased in cost from April, 1946, to June, 1948, by 67%. . . ."

Instead of raising our subscription rates at this time, it has been decided to seek to offset the higher costs by obtaining advertising. A practical way in which all our readers can help is by gaining new subscribers. "*The Glad Tidings* in every home in our congregations!"

Grateful for Parcel

The following letter (as translated into English) came to the Rev. Gordon Faraday, Convener of the Presbyterian Committee on Canadian Relief Abroad, at the beginning of September from Budapest.

—I respectfully inform you that we received your parcel on the 19th of this month. We express our grateful thanks for the contents and were happy with each piece. . . .

God works in a mysterious way, because when the need is greatest, He is there to help, He does not forsake us.

We pray God with my family that He may compensate your kindness and good heartedness a thousand time. May He bless you with both of His hands. God bless you with strength, health and happiness together with your family.

God bless you. (Signed) Laurence Potorni, and family.

Impressions of International Union Meeting in Geneva

Mrs. C. Ritchie Bell gives us some of her impressions of the women's meeting. The Right Rev. C. Ritchie Bell, Moderator, was one of our Church's delegates to the meeting of the Alliance in Geneva and the first Assembly of the World Council of Churches in Amsterdam.

IT was my privilege to be one of the representatives of the Women's Missionary Society, Western Division, at the twelfth Conference of the International Women's Union, which met at Geneva at the same time as the Alliance of the Reformed Churches holding the Presbyterian System, from August 10th to 17th.

The general theme of the Conference was, "The Tapestry of the Kingdom". Addresses were delivered on the following subjects: "Weaving in the Community"; "Weaving in the Congregation"; "Weaving in the Press"; "Weaving and Youth"; "Weaving on the Continent"; "The Dimensions of the Tapestry"; "Threads Woven in Geneva".

My first impression was that this was a well planned Conference representing thirteen countries, each delegate telling of the weaving accomplished by the Presbyterian family in her country. The following countries were heard from—Australia, Canada, Czechoslovakia, England, France, Holland, India, Ireland, New Zealand, Scotland, South Africa, Switzerland, and the United States of America.

Considering the nature of the Conference as indicated in the countries represented and the various languages spoken, it gave me a thrill to be a member of such a diverse family. Dedicated to the closer co-operation and understanding between the women of the Presbyterian and Reformed faith, the Conference made it clear that the restrictions of the past years had made such work difficult, the looms had not been idle, the shuttles had been busy weaving on the tapestry.

The Conference proposes to bring about closer co-operation and deeper understanding among the members of the family by an interchange of literature, quadrennial conferences, and a sincere desire to have every woman of the Presbyterian Church feel that she is a member of this great sisterhood.

Another impression I received was that through this Women's Union we are all linked up in a united effort to promote the work of the Kingdom in every field of the world. We were reminded that the urgency of the world's need should make every woman very conscious of her ability to render service at the loom of Christian fellowship. John Knox might not approve of a ''regiment of women'' but it must be realized that they are a powerful force for good in the world.

I could not but feel proud and rejoice in being numbered among the Weavers of the Kingdom, and this experience in Geneva, as I reported on the work of the Women's Missionary Society of our Church, was simply invaluable to me, for one received a perspective there—one must think beyond her own small sphere of things in Canada to the affairs of the world. This lifting up of the eyes to the larger horizon was an exhilarating experience. The interests of the Union are global in scope; and the realization of this results, for all constituent members, in a mighty concern for the whole world. To give only one illustration—Mrs. T. L. Haitjema, speaking for the women of Holland, told of very trying and bitter experiences during the war years. The hopelessness in the hearts and faces of the people was graphically portrayed. They were cold, hungry and discouraged. The speaker said, ''It would have warmed the hearts of the women of North America had they been able to witness the transformation which took place when the planes bearing food and clothing arrived.'' These planes were symbols of the outside world's love and concern, the cargoes they carried not only fed their bodies and clothed their nakedness but warmed their hearts and lifted up their drooping spirits—they were not a forgotten people, the heart of the world was still kind. The words of Jesus Christ, ''Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me,'' would be read with new meaning and understanding. Out of the united thinking of the needs of the whole world each country was given a renewed sense of responsibility.

Another thing that impressed me was the colourful personnel of the Conference—Madame Aloys Gautier, the president, a gracious Genevese, whose hospitable home was opened to the members for their afternoon sessions; Miss M. Beatrice Lavery, the energetic and enthusiastic secretary whose foresight and diligence made the programme possible and whose delightful Irish wit and humour made even intricate details of administration smooth; Miss Sarah Paul, a product of Irish Presbyterian missionary effort in India, whose meteor-like career in her own country reads like a thrilling tale of adventure, and Madame La Pasteur Bard, who is exercising such a fruitful ministry on the Continent, to mention only a few.

The Conference concluded with a sail on Lac Leman, stopping at Coppet, where a service of dedication was conducted by Miss Sarah Paul of India in the beautiful and historic sixteenth century church.

For forty years prior to the Reformation this church had been a Roman Catholic place of worship.

I am certain that the members of the Conference would return to their own lands thankful to God for the privilege of enjoying such a fellowship, for the inheritance which is theirs, and with this prayer in their hearts—O Master, Thou Who hast called us to be weavers on the loom of life, grant that we may share with others all that we have received from Thee, so that they may be refreshed in body and soul.

Set Apart for Missionary Service

IN St. Paul's Church, Banff, on the evening of July 25th was held the designation service of Miss Margaret Campbell, daughter of Mr. John Campbell of Banff and Cochrane and niece of Mrs. M. E. Tollington of Banff. Miss Campbell leaves soon to work as a missionary nurse in India.

The evening service, which was held under the auspices of the Presbytery of Calgary, was conducted by the Rev. M. S. Blackburn, Moderator of the Presbytery and minister of St .Paul's, assisted by the Rev. D. M. Campbell, minister of the North Hill Church, Calgary, who preached the sermon.

Mrs. George Metcalfe, president of the Alberta Synodical Missionary Society, presented a Bible to Miss Campbell on behalf of the Women's Missionary Society, Western Division. At the close of the service Mrs. J. Watters, president of St. Paul's Auxiliary, expressed the pride and gratitude the members and friends of the congregation felt in being represented on our missionary staff in India, and presented to Miss Campbell a beautiful pen and pencil set. The best wishes and prayers of the Banff congregation go with Miss Campbell to her distant field of service for Christ.

Convener of Missions, Presbytery of Calgary.

Thanksgiving

How shall we keep Thanksgiving Day?
With hearts that own God's love alway,
That put away the petty ill,
And sweetness e'en from grief distil,
That count the joys and find them dear,
And reap the blessings of the year.

—Author Unknown.

Sey-kree, the Leper's Wife

BY MISS RUTH BUCHANAN

I WISH you knew Sey-kree, my neighbour, Leper Rupsingh's wife, loyal, plucky, tireless, cheerful little Sey-kree.

I saw her first at the water-hole in the gully just after they came to Vegra. She called up to me, "Come with me, *please*; just a wee way; over there." Up went her two water-jars on to her head, and up the bank, straight as a willow wand, she climbed, turning to see if I were following. At a tumble-down shack, almost hidden in the thorn-bushes, she stopped and beckoned me in. A man appeared, bending under the low eaves, wrapped in a long cotton shawl. He must have been good to look at once, tall, well set-up, straight-eyed. Sey-kree paused on the threshold. "Have you any medicine for *that?"* she asked. The leper thrust forward the stumps of his fingerless hands. A brave pitiful smile twisted his face and wrung my heart. "Oh, my dear—."

Between them they told me their brave, sad story: the struggle to keep the family together, more difficult as the father became more helpless. "But now the two oldest children are hired out in Bhilala houses," she said, "and the next two help me cut and carry grass and wood to market and herd goats for the big farmers. The little ones—! But they're good to us, the neighbours, and we manage, manage fine! I'm not one that likes sitting still! Good thing, too!" Sey-kree laughed.

There wasn't much that I could do for them, except to be neighbourly, for there is no Leper Asylum, not even a Leper Clinic in this part of the country. Indeed, Sey-kree has helped me just as much, if not more, than I have helped her. During the last rains I worked a field at that end of the valley and wanted to fill the green-manure pit with the great *gharsia* weeds that grew waist-high around its borders. "Run over and ask Sey-kree if she'll do a couple of days' work for me," I said to a neighbour lad. Soon he was back. "She's coming, all right," he said, "but she shouldn't. That woman sure is plucky."

Hobbling across the field she came, her face drawn with pain. "Sister!" she gasped (Sey-kree has adopted me); "Sister, they're awful bad." I looked down; both ankles were covered with festering sores.

"Oh, little friend, whatever have you done to them?"

"Nothing," she said. "They just got like that themselves. You don't think—?"

My heart missed a beat. "No, no, of course not." (Was I reassuring myself or her?) "Just you wait a few days and then cut these weeds when your feet are better."

"I'll manage," she said. "You just see. There won't be any weeds here by to-morrow night." She glanced up at me side-ways. "How much will you give me?" Her eyes shone.

"A rupee?" How Sey-kree loves a bargain! "Make it one-four!" she said.

"Right!" said I. And true to her word, there were no weeds there the next evening. Moreover, joyful to relate, her ankles healed in record time, and Sey-kree was the biggest earner that haying season.

Yesterday I passed and stopped for a chat with Rupsingh, sitting at the door of their tiny house.

"That your corn?" I asked.

His face lit up. "Yes, not bad, is it?"

"None better!" I said. "She's a wonder, your wife."

"Ay, she is that," said Sey-kree's husband. "Not many women would stick to a stump of a man like me. But," and his voice softened, "you'd hardly believe how happy we are, the family, evenings by the fire. . . . Before you go, would you sing again the song about our Home Over There?"

This is the song he wanted, Rupsingh the leper, and it goes to an age-old tune of the Vindhiya Hills, a long wavering tune, something like a chant and something like a long, low call with a sob and a smile in it:

There in Heaven's our home, our home. Let's go live there.
A home all silver, a home all gold. Let's go live there.
In Jesus' home, a home for me. Let's go live there.
Rivers of milk and honey there. Brother dear, let's go.
And all our loved ones waiting there. Brother dear, let's go.
The Great All-Father to welcome us there. Brother dear, let's go.
Just a four-days' dream, our life down here. Brother dear, let's go.

Vegra, Amkhut, Central India,
July 21, 1948.

It is a good plan, in some quiet moment, or perhaps when we are out of heart with living, to look round and see how many things we have for which we have never thanked God, because we do not see how good they are.—*Dr. James Reid.*

"All in the Day's Work"

BY MISS MARION H. WILLIAMSON OF AMKHUT

IN the past twenty-four hours Miss Douglas and I have been called upon to obey the Biblical injunction, ''Rejoice with them that do rejoice and weep with them that weep.''

Last evening a young boy was brought here after being gored in two places in his abdomen by an angry ox. His condition was serious and we felt we must get him to the hospital without delay. Our motor driver, we found, had gone to a nearby village to visit his father. The other driver lives at Sardi, three miles away. We despatched a man on horseback to find one driver, with instructions to tell him to return with all haste on the horse.

Meantime, with the aid of the school boys we got out the jeep, made a bed in it with hay and a small mattress, then tried to get it going, thinking that, if necessary, we might get as far as Sardi where we could pick up the other driver. As the jeep did not respond to my touch with any degree of certainty, however, we decided the best thing to do was to wait, which is perhaps the hardest thing to do in a crisis. Before long we heard the sound of a galloping horse and knew that the driver was coming. The sound of the pipes at Lucknow was no more welcome.

The boy was taken to the hospital, and the doctor operated at once. But as much time had been lost, and further damage had been done by his being nauseated on the way, there was slender hope that he would come through. The driver came home at three this afternoon, but he was not at all sure that the boy was going to live.

To-night we had a party for a bride of to-morrow. She is an orphan who came to us from Barwani in 1932, then a homeless waif about three years old. By the way, she is the first of the ''Abey'' orphans to get married. There were about twenty at our party. We played games, sang hymns, had a cup of tea, and altogether had a happy time.

In the mail to-night we got some home papers, and as I sat down to look at them after the guests had departed, I was still up when I heard footsteps approach the door. We have no door bells; the usual signal is to call out, or cough. I recognized the voice of the Jobat driver, and knew at once why he had come. By this time rain was pouring down. We brought the boy's body in to our sewing-room —they could not take it to his home in the rain and pitch darkness. . . . To-morrow morning the funeral service will be held.

At two o'clock we have two weddings and we have invited the two couples and a few friends for food afterwards on our verandah.

No shutting up of shop for us at five o'clock or Saturday off, or Sunday free! This is, as Kipling said, ''all in the day's work''.

(July 27th). Early this morning about the time the boy's body was being taken to his home, the older brother's only child died. This child had been ill since birth and death was not unexpected, but nevertheless it was a sad affair. The child and the young uncle were buried in the same grave.

The weddings took place between showers and we had a very nice afternoon and a happy gathering on our verandah for the wedding feast.

Now it is evening and we are feeling a bit tired and ready for sleep. We hope there will be no calls for help of any kind before morning.

On the Essequibo Coast, British Guiana

BY MISS MARGARET RAMSAY

WITH us, as with others, there are parts of the work that seem to bring us joy and blessing, and it is of some of these that I wish to tell now, in connection with the work on the Essequibo coast, where I was stationed before coming on furlough.

I think particularly of the women who make up the women's group at Huist'Dieren church. There is something about this group, this whole congregation, in fact, that seems to make it quite different from our other congregations on the coast. There may be many reasons for this, but I like to think it is because it is a ''family church'', where husbands and wives and their families all meet together week after week for prayer and the worship of God. The women's group meets only once a month, but there is this same feeling of ''being in a family'' at our gatherings. If any member is sick or in difficulty of any kind, the rest do all they can to help in a material, and also in a spiritual, way. This may not be so unusual, for I am certain there are other groups whose members act in the same way, but because I have been with this group I have grown to know and love each member individually. They are not well educated women by any means, but some of them take part in their own meetings, and even carry on by themselves, if necessary. It is six miles from Huist'Dieren to the house where we were living at Suddie, but those women thought nothing of walking that distance to see us, if for any reason we could not go to them. I quite realize they are not perfect,

Huist'Dieren Women's Group

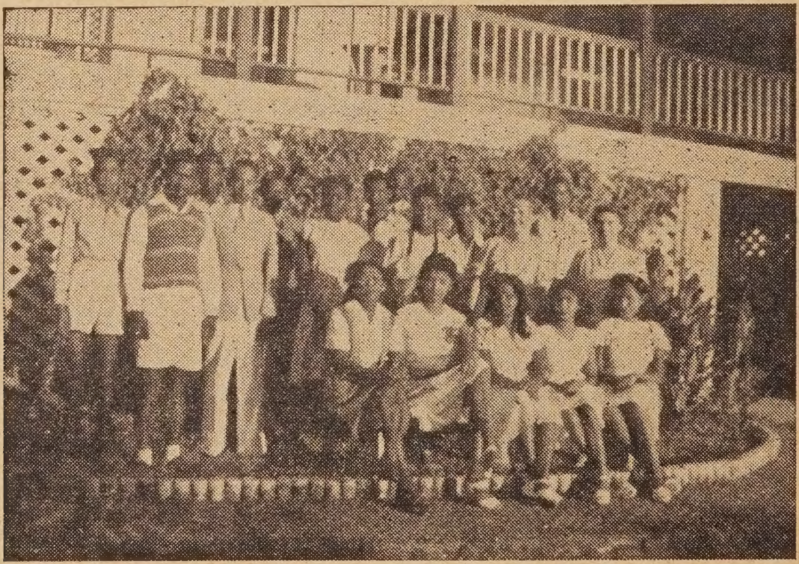
but their joy in worship and their mutual helpfulness make the event of meeting with the Huist'Dieren women's group a great blessing to all.

Part of our regular work is helping in different Sunday Schools, and this in itself is a great privilege. However, we do have contact with groups of children not in our Sunday Schools; I am thinking particularly of what we call "The Wayside Sunday School". Miss Cameron, of the Eastern Division, was responsible for starting this, and it has grown considerably. On our way home from Sunday School and church service at Huist'Dieren on Sunday afternoons we make three stops—in two cases, to give out cards and Sunday School papers, and in the other, to have a little service with the children who have gathered there. Hymns and choruses are taught and sung and then a Bible story is told—with the flannelgraph, if the wind permits; and then cards and papers are distributed. Many of the children in this group come from non-Christian homes and we are thankful for the opportunity to reach them in this way and to give them Christian literature to take into their homes.

The custom of Christians in British Guiana of giving a *Yisu Katha* (The Life of Jesus) on special occasions in their lives is a very worthwhile one. Perhaps a member of a congregation, wishing to celebrate some event either in his own family or in the congregation, decides to have a *Yisu Katha.* A date is set and special speakers are invited. I think particularly of a Christian, whose home was on the banks of the Pomeroon River, who decided to have one. This *Katha* lasted for three days and during that time the story of the life of Christ was read and sung in Hindi, and explained in English, to the hundred or more guests who had been invited for the evening; they had all to come by boat. I was present for only part of the time, but it was interesting to watch the faces of the listeners, and we prayed that the news of salvation as revealed in Christ our Lord would be received by all there. At such a time non-Christian as well as Christian friends are invited and do attend, for the *Katha* is held out of doors and all who wish may listen and hear the truth.

Somewhat similar, but perhaps more definitely evangelistic, are the open-air meetings held from time to time in all our districts. These meetings are arranged for moonlight nights and, of course, in dry weather. Sometimes we have a series of meetings in one place, while at other times we spend an evening at each of several places. Wherever we go, the work is the same, although the opportunities may differ. Here, too, messages are given in Hindi as well as in English, so that all may understand the Good News of salvation. We have been fortunate in having a portable organ to use in these meetings and it has been a great blessing. Usually after the preaching, Bibles, New Testaments and Scripture portions are sold, and good tracts distributed. It was quite thrilling, in some places, to have people clamouring for Bibles and being very much disappointed when our stock ran out. The desire to possess a copy of God's Word is a good one and we try to keep up with the demand.

The Young People's meeting in our home was another special event, as far as I was concerned, even if it did occur weekly, or nearly



Young People's Society

so. This group was made up of the young people of the neighbourhood, and they met, not for a good time in the sense of fun, but for a good time of Bible study, prayer and singing of hymns, and then games. Many were non-Christian, yet they came week after week for fellowship and Bible study. A system of presenting Bibles to those who read for one (given by the Bible Lovers' League of America) was introduced, and we rejoiced to know that most of these young people received Bibles in this way. They also were given opportunities to serve by taking part in special young people's services during the year, going out on Christmas Eve to bring the story of ''Joy to the world, the Lord is come'' in song to hundreds of folk on a nearby rice estate, and, for many of the group, taking part in open-air meetings. I know it was no small thing for some who were Hindus and Mohammedans to associate themselves openly in this way with the Christian cause.

Such work has brought me great joy and I know that when I return to British Guiana, they will go on adding fruit to what I like to call ''my tree of joyous fellowship in Christ''.

Blairmont Estate, Berbice, British Guiana

The Presbyterian Fellowship

A cordial invitation is extended to all Presbyterian students attending the University of Toronto to join the Presbyterian Fellowship. Monthly meetings are held from October to March and the date of each meeting will be announced in *The Varsity*—President, Tom Belch, Centre House, Knox College.

Thirteen Hundred Attend Youth Conference

From a letter from Miss Dorothy Douglas, Tamsui, Formosa, China.

. . . After school closed we had only one day to house-clean before our guests began to come for the All-Formosa Youth Conference, which was held in Tamsui. Miss Beattie from the south, one of the speakers from China, and Mrs. Dickson and Marilyn, all stayed with us, and Mr. Dickson and the other speaker, a man, had their meals with us as well. Fortunately we have our old cook back and I only had to tell him what to prepare and how many to prepare for; but he soon stopped asking me the number and just set the table full.

. . . It was the largest gathering of Christians ever held in Formosa. There were thirteen hundred people, young men and women, babies in arms and grandmothers, from all over Formosa. They slept in the two schools, ate at the Boys' School, and held their meetings in ours (the Girls' School). Mr. Dickson had his loud speaker, which was a great help. The book used for the Bible study was written in Chinese character and, although I didn't always use the material, I had it translated, for it was better for all the groups to use the same ideas. The last night they put on a concert in Taipeh to help pay the expenses, so Isabel (Miss Taylor) and her associate in the music department were very busy for the first few days training a choir of four hundred of the young people to take part in the programme. It was all a very interesting experience and, although Tamsui is never dull, we did enjoy the contacts with people from the outside.

The Kienshui Nursing School

From a letter written by Mrs. Gehman, Kienshui, Yunnan, China.

THE Yunnan Church of Christ in China Committee wish me to extend to the Canadian Presbyterian Women's Missionary Society their appreciation and thanks for their generosity in furnishing the Nursing School. The last of this money from a legacy through Knox Church Auxiliary, Toronto, is now being used to have more furniture made and a few additional rooms added, now so badly needed with the increase in students (eleven now) and graduates. A certain portion of the legacy was spent on much needed text-books for the Nursing School. In fact, there are on their way to us now books which we would have to do without, had it not been for this gift. We are indeed grateful.

I did not dream that the court the army used to stable their horses in could become the attractive Nursing School court it now is. The graduates live in double rooms facing the court and the students in a long dormitory which has been made attractive with their bright coloured spreads and little personal things. They enjoy a lovely view of the northern hills and seem quite happy in their present surroundings. They enjoy volley-ball and the organ below us is seldom idle. ''Oh Susanna'' and ''Faith of our Fathers'' seem to be the universal favourites just now.

The other night the students entertained the staff in the demonstration room of the school. Outside the entrance were pasted a few lines of appreciation of what was being done for them written by each student, with artistic touches added. The table was beautiful with hibiscus, sections of pomegranate, tiny apples, and watermelon seeds, which we ate later. Each of us was asked to say a few words, then the rest of the evening was spent in games.

Interior Court of Temple, Kienshui

Miss Macarthur at Three Camps in Ontario

THIS summer I was privileged to visit, for the first time, three of our Presbyterian Church Camps. Each has a charm of its own.

In addition to directing a junior girls' camp, I helped at three adult week-end camps. Two of these were under the Young Women's Department and were directed by Miss Helen Scott, one at Westminster Camp on Lake Simcoe and the other at Kintail on Lake Huron. For the Dominion Day week-end representatives of Guelph Presbyterial gathered at Westminster Camp and there considered and discussed how they might better serve their Church and Missionary Society. Practically the same programme was followed at all these camps. The Bible study was an introduction to the Book of *Acts,* and for it we used the excellent little book, *Building His Church,* written by Miss Elsie Mathieson. There were discussions on the organization and work of the Women's Missionary Society and demonstrations of interesting and instructive missionary programmes. At each camp the aims and needs of the Children's Department were presented and the worth-whileness of work with children was stressed. Although the attendance was small, these camps show how such gatherings may be used to develop a better understanding of the work and needs of our Women's Missionary Society.

The Junior Girls' Camp that I directed was at the Peace Memorial Camp, on the St. Lawrence River near Lancaster, Ontario. In a real beauty spot, this Camp is splendidly situated to serve all sections of the Synod of Montreal and Ottawa. It was a satisfaction to have children there from many districts, and for me it was a new experience to live in camp with leaders and girls from Eastern Ontario and Quebec.

The day's activities began with "Morning Praise" around the breakfast table and closed with worship and a missionary talk, story, or demonstration. In between came Bible study, handcraft, swimming, games, hikes, hearty meals, rest—and always happy fellowship. On Sunday morning we all went to worship in the Lancaster church, where the Rev. Norman Sharkey is minister. Later we talked about what we saw in that historic old church, and what it all meant.

It was a special privilege to be associated day after day with a missionary from India, with another who works with the Chinese people in Montreal, and a third who is in the Indian Residential School at Birtle, Manitoba. These missionaries—Miss Irene Stringer, Miss Muriel Judd, and Miss Kathleen Stewart—made splendid contributions to the camp life. Who can estimate how far their influence on both girls and leaders will reach? —*Lily M. Macarthur.*

Two Missionaries Give Impressions of Church Camps

Miss Hermanson, missionary nurse from Formosa, writes of the four camps she was at during the summer.

THIS was my first experience in camp work and I have enjoyed all the camps and am ''all for'' camps. I do feel that at them there is a wonderful opportunity for study as well as a time of wonderful fellowship. From such camps one can look for leaders in our Church work. The Summer School in Saskatoon has already proved that it is more than worth while, for Saskatchewan has provided more leaders (in proportion to the number of our people) than any other province, and all feel that the young people have become vitally interested because of the opportunity for study, talks on missions, and projects which are part of the Synod's Summer School programme.

The Adult Camp at Christopher Lake was directed by Mrs. J. Morgan of Prince Albert. Miss Ripley had ''classes'' for the eight children while the mothers were at class; one project was the building of a model of the Cecilia Jeffrey Indian School. I had an informal ''Forum on Missions'' each day, speaking especially of Formosa. Besides her other lectures, Miss Scott gave a talk on Western Missions. At the service on Sunday she gave the address, which was a summing-up of the general feeling of the whole camp; Mrs. Morgan conducted the service, and Miss Ripley told the story to the children and they sang us a hymn she had taught them. The offering—of $10.41—was voted for the Girls' School, Tamsui, to be used for the proposed department of Art. We had an art teacher choose the materials and send them out.

Next I was asked to go to the boys' camp at Christopher Lake. Although I couldn't get there for the beginning, I spent almost a week with the boys, as camp nurse and mission study leader. The boys had had the privilege of having Dr. Lennox spend two days with them; and the Rev. J. M. Young of Saskatoon, the director, set a very fine standard for the whole camp. There were 43 boys at this camp, eleven to sixteen years of age. They followed the prescribed study from *Acts,* on Paul's journeys, and all seemed to take a keen interest in their studies and memory work. I gave daily talks on missions, and the Rev. J. S. Clarke told the boys about the work among the Mistawasis Indians. There was, too, instruction in handicrafts, sports and swimming. Many of the boys said they hoped to do work in the Church at home or abroad.

Next came the girls' camp, with Miss Ruby Walker as director of the 62 girls, ten to seventeen years of age. The girls followed much the same programme as the boys. It was a splendid camp, but we leaders do feel that two camps, one for the younger girls and one for the older, would be better, if that were possible. Programmes would be more easily planned and so many subjects could be taught better to age groups, such as health and leadership for instance. Among the girls, too, there were several who are definitely planning to do Church work. I had to leave this camp on Sunday night to go to the Manitoba Young People's camp at Shoal Lake.

This camp opened on August 3rd with only 23 young people present, but others joined us later, so that by the end there were 30, with four leaders. The director was the Rev. J. E. Bigelow of Carberry, who gave daily lectures on ''Doctrine''; the Rev. Mr. Pollock gave a series of talks on ''Galatians'', and I was in charge of mission study. The lengthy discussions after the talks showed how interested the group was. There was a fine spirit at camp, in class and at play. Miss Wooding, deaconess under the Presbytery of Brandon, was in charge of games and swimming, and I had her give a talk on the training and work of deaconesses. The two ministers told us about our two theological colleges and also gave us a very good idea of pioneer work on Canadian mission fields. At our last session on missions the four groups gave readings on our four overseas mission fields. They had prepared the material themselves and it was all well done and interesting. We had a good deal of musical talent at this camp, which added to our enjoyment. The group decided that our Sunday offerings should be used for the School of Music in Tamsui. Accordingly, I have written to Miss Isabel Taylor to ask what she wants bought with the $24.00 collected. Most of the

Shoal Lake Camp

young people seemed to have little or no interest in missions when they came to this camp, but they are now very much interested. We had hoped to visit the Indian reservations as part of our mission study, but we were unable to get a boat.

Again I wish to say that I think camps are very worth while and I hope they may be advertised more widely so that more people will take advantage of them.

Miss Margaret Ramsay, on furlough from British Guiana, gives some impressions of three Ontario camps, at Kintail and Glen Mohr.

WORKING with and living among Canadian girls at camp has not been my privilege for several years. I had the opportunity of attending three girls' camps during July and August as part of my work on furlough. At each of the camps I conducted a Bible study group, and this I really enjoyed. No two groups were alike, but the study was the same and I think something of the power of God working in the early Church, and in the Church to-day, was realized by all who attended the camps. Then at the campfires came opportunities to describe some of my missionary experiences, and at other times, to answer questions asked by the campers. On Sundays, when I was privileged to give the address at the services, I attempted to present something of the great task of the Church to-day, with the prayer that from the many girls gathered from various places in Ontario would come the answer to the challenge for more workers to carry on the Church's work everywhere.

I think, too, of the lovely vesper services at both Kintail and Glen Mohr, when the glory of the setting sun seemed like God's benediction upon us, when messages for true Christian living were presented by the camp director. Truly the campers were taken up to the mountain-top for spiritual refreshment and then shown the need for Christian service at the foot of the mountain.

Life at camp, however, was not all serious, for there were many opportunities for fun and recreation. Shore-breakfasts, wiener roasts, stunt night, talent night, International night, musical evenings (which included a minstrel show, a Gilbert and Sullivan Operetta, Hayden's Toy Symphony), dramatization, baseball, tennis and other games, and country dances. Although the waters of Huron and Simcoe seemed rather cold to me, all the others seemed to enjoy them, and for those who were learning and for those who were proficient, swimming was given an important place in the camp activities.

I enjoyed meeting the girls, the leaders, and the directors of all three camps and I know the happy and worth-while time we spent together will be a golden memory to cherish in the years to come. "Thanks for the days, comrades."

Miss Webster at Four Eastern Camps

THIS summer I visited four of our Presbyterian camps in the four Eastern Synods. From them, as from the Western Synods, have come reports of good camps during the 1948 camping season.

At Kintail, the Hamilton and London Synod's camp, I directed the camp for teen-age girls. We had sixty-six girls and a good staff. Several of the leaders were former campers who were able to bring an enthusiasm and knowledge of camping that they were eager to share with younger campers. We were glad to have Miss Margaret Ramsay of British Guiana as a member of staff to tell the girls stories from her experience in Formosa and British Guiana.

It was a meeting of the Camp Board that took me to Glen Mohr Camp (Toronto and Kingston Synod). A good deal has been done on the main lodge there this year and a new building to house some of the permanent camp staff has been completed. There were eighty-two campers at the intermediate girls' camp and forty-two at the senior girls' camp at Glen Mohr.

My visit to the Peace Memorial Camp at Lancaster (Montreal and Ottawa Synod) was a brief and informal one, but it was sufficient to impress me with the tremendous work that has been accomplished there during the last two summers. Sleeping accommodation is provided in one building, which is divided into four dormitories. The other large building provides an attractive assembly hall, dining-room, infirmary, office, and staff quarters. Perhaps it was the built-in, electrically-cooled refrigerator room that impressed me most, for I thought of all the saving of left-overs, the preservation of meat, and the milk that would not go sour! There had been fifty-two girls at the girls' camp there early in July.

Camp Geddie (the camp of the Synod of the Maritime Provinces) at Merigomish, Nova Scotia, has also accomplished a great deal during the past year. The main lodge has a new roof. Five cabins were built this spring, each to accommodate eight campers. For a camp of thirty-eight girls and eight leaders we required only two additional tents, whereas last year all campers had to be housed in tents.

Our camp sites are being made more adequate. The programmes carried on at the camps are worth while. As I listened to the messages of the members of the camp executives at the closing ceremonies at Kintail and Camp Geddie, I noticed a remarkable similarity. They were to this effect: "We have thoroughly enjoyed camp. We are grateful to the leaders who have helped us. We shall remember the fun of swimming, hiking, and singing together. We shall remember the camp-fires. But, most of all, we shall remember the quiet hush of the place we chose for morning watch and of the chapel during the vesper hour. At camp we have felt the presence of God. We know that His presence will go with us also in the days that are ahead."

—Margaret Webster.

Presbyterian Peace Memorial Camp

BY THE REV. W. HAROLD REID

FOR the first full year of operation there was a very satisfactory attendance at our new Presbyterian camp near Lancaster, Ontario. The first group to arrive at the beginning of July consisted of fifty-two senior girls, with their leaders; they were followed by fifty-four junior boys, the largest camp of all. The junior girls and senior boys came in August; these groups were somewhat smaller in number, but an excellent programme was carried out at every camp with good results and all had a very enjoyable time.

As at many camps elsewhere, the attendance of young people was small this year and unfortunately our Leadership Training school had to be cancelled entirely. Next year, however, if announcements and camp dates are sent out much earlier, it may be possible for more young people to arrange to attend.

Over the Labour Day week-end an adult conference was held with an attendance of twenty, which was very worth while, and those who were there felt that this conference would become a very popular one in years to come.

Arrangements have also been made to hold a week-end conference, September 24-26, for the young women's groups of the Montreal Presbyterial of the Women's Missionary Society.

Note—According to word received on September 14th, Miss Beatrice Scott and Miss Margaret Campbell, whose departure for India was delayed, were to sail on the *Norlago* from Montreal on September 25th or 26th.

Prayer

WE thank Thee, O God, Thou who art King of kings and Lord of Lords, that we may come unto Thee as children to a father, knowing that Thine ear is ever open to our cry. We are unworthy to approach Thee, but worthy is the Lamb that was slain and we come clothed in the robe of our Redeemer's righteousness. We thank Thee that by His life, death and resurrection and the outpouring of Thy Holy Spirit Thou didst establish Thy Kingdom upon the earth, committing the treasure of the glorious Gospel of Christ to ''earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us''.

Thou knowest, O Lord, that the fields are white, the harvest is great and the labourers are few. In obedience to Christ's command we would pray Thee to send labourers into the harvest field. Be very near to all those who are proclaiming the Gospel of salvation, both at home and abroad. May the fruit of their efforts be unto holiness and the end everlasting life, that both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together. We pray Thee for our representatives wherever they may be, for whose support we are responsible by our prayers and gifts. Do Thou supply all their need according to Thy riches in glory, by Christ Jesus.

We thank Thee for the bountiful provision Thou hast made for us in nature as well as in grace, for the beauty of the heavens and the earth and for the seed-time and harvest.

May the people be constrained by Thy goodness to bring the tithes into the store-house. Open their eyes to see that, by withholding them, they are depriving many of their fellow creatures of food and clothing for their bodies, and the Bread of life for their souls, the Church of Thy promised blessing, and are refusing to accept Thy challenge to prove Thee now herewith.

And now, our Father, we ask Thy blessing on the women of our Society and on each member in particular. Grant us grace and wisdom to carry on Thy work according to Thy will.

This we ask, with the forgiveness of our many shortcomings and offences, in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Fountain of Mercy! God of Love!
How rich Thy bounties are!
The rolling seasons, as they move,
Proclaim Thy constant care.—Alice Flowerdew.

A Thanksgiving Meditation

BY THE REV. RICHARD STEWART

LET us ask ourselves the question, What is the greatest reason I have for thanksgiving? If we answer the question fairly, then the answer must reveal our own idea of what is most important to us in life. Thankfulness to God our Creator and Redeemer in Christ is the supreme reason for thanksgiving, is it not?

But there may be a danger of selfish thanksgiving. He who thanks God in retrospect may be giving God only half thanks. The man who finds his heart swelling with gratitude only when he looks backward or around him at the material benefits that have come to him is in danger of being as selfish as he is grateful. The horizon of the one who thinks largely of the material is never far away. His world is very small, only large enough for himself and his and those who contribute to his pleasure.

Christ set us a wonderful example in the giving of thanks. At the feeding of the five thousand, He gave God thanks for the food provided. At the raising of Lazarus, He thanked His Father for the assurance of what He was going to do for the family of Lazarus. At the return of the seventy He thanked God that He had hidden divine truth from those who thought themselves wisest and had revealed it to the humble mind. At the Last Supper He gave thanks for all that is meant by the bread and wine in the Kingdom of God. We should note that the first concerns material things; the second, domestic and social; the third, spiritual; and the fourth, the Kingdom of Heaven. We should note also that in every case He is offering thanks not for blessings for Himself but for blessings for someone else. Here is a hint of a possible broader scope for our thanksgiving.

We are living under conditions which should draw forth from our inmost being a spirit of genuine gratefulness and thanksgiving. How many of us have allowed such a noble spirit to possess us? Do we permit one disappointment to blind us to the manifold blessings which are ours each day? Our lives are constantly filled with those blessings at the hands of our fellow men which should drive out of our minds all animosities, jealousies, and grievances, and cause us to shed a radiant joyousness among those around us.

The knowledge gained from scientific research will serve to relieve the suffering of generations yet unborn. The health of the present generation is a heritage from those who have made the supreme sacrifice in earlier generations. The span of human life has been lengthened ten years because of their self-denying efforts. If gratitude is due from man to man, how much more from man to his Maker? Almighty God confers not only those bounties that proceed more immediately from His hand but also those benefits that are conveyed to us by others.

The Psalmist recognizes the true origin of all blessings. "What shall I render unto the Lord for all His benefits toward me?" We owe a debt of gratitude to God which we must not neglect to pay. The trouble with many of us is that we are so busy enjoying the blessings of life that we do not concern ourselves about the source from which they come. Many do not think it necessary to pray unless they feel that they have failed to receive something that they needed. We should all remember that there is no higher type of prayer than that which concerns itself with thanksgiving and communion.

Thankfulness enables us to see in every condition some element of permanent good. "In everything give thanks." We have sorrow in the world and days of sadness when the sun refuses to shine and the clouds hang low. We must learn to be thankful for winter's chilling breath as well as for summer suns. We can fully appreciate the one only as we experience the other. Life is full and strong only as it alternates. The picture is beautiful only when light and shade balance each other. To fall is the only way to learn to walk. To know the depth, we must measure the height. To be patient under life's afflictions is the only way to appreciate health. The losses of life lead to its truest gains. We know that David sang God's praise not alone during prosperity and happiness but amid adversity. His faith had laid hold of a reality more meaningful than mere circumstance or accident of life.

Let us be thankful that God has granted so much of good. The goodness of God has again and again permitted us to sow and to reap, to labour and to test the fruits of our labours. "He hath opened His hand and dealt bountifully with us, over and beyond our merits."

Thanksgiving is full of meaning to the world and our national history is hallowed with its religious idealism. We can never thank God enough for the material and spiritual treasures that are ours. And a sincere feeling of thankfulness in our minds and hearts will do wonders toward calming the prevalent unrest; it will bring harmony where there is discord, and happiness and contentment where there is restlessness. Ceaseless and everlasting gratitude to God is the least we can give for His great goodness to us. Praise and thanksgiving are ordained of God.

"In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you."

Camp Wasa in the Kootenay District

BY THE REV. T. E. ROULSTON

IN the Columbia Valley in the East Kootenay district of British Columbia a most successful camp was held this year, sponsored by our churches in Cranbrook and Kimberley. From the camp-site on the shore of Wasa Lake one looked, to the west, to the Selkirk Mountains and, to the east, to the first range of the Rockies. With a good stretch of sandy beach, running gradually into the water, and comparatively warm water there was good and safe swimming.

The camp was directed by Miss Marjorie MacKay, deaconess under the Presbytery of Kootenay at present working in Kimberley, and its success was due almost entirely to her efforts and planning. There were twenty-four boys and girls from our churches in Cranbrook and Kimberley at camp, attendance this first year being confined to the one age-group. Miss Lydia Waldie, Reg.N., did valiant service in the double rôle of camp nurse and cook, efficiently attending to the health of the campers and providing excellent meals. Mrs. Lyle Martin and Miss Maureen Hogg, who assisted Miss MacKay, proved very capable leaders.

One wooden building had been put up, to serve as kitchen and dining-room,—and, because of the quality of the meals served, it was nicknamed ''The Waldorf''. Mr. Colin Cameron, one of our Presbyterian people who has a sawmill at Wasa, graciously donated the lumber for the building, and the British Columbia Forestry Department and interested individuals kindly loaned tents for sleeping quarters. The leaders' tent was known as ''The Tabernacle'', the campers' quarters bore the sign ''Barracks'', and the minister's tent, of course, was ''The Manse''.

It was a happy camp, the happiness of the campers being expressed in many ways—in their spontaneous bursting into song, usually at the conclusion of every meal, in their whole-hearted participation in the various camp activities, and in their willingness to undertake any duties assigned them. Their obedience and, indeed, enthusiasm was a joy to the leaders. Particularly was their keenness shown in the Bible study periods, which were conducted by Miss MacKay. She remarked that never before had she met a group of children who showed such keen interest in this part of camp life. The Bible study was based on the Lord's Prayer—and our thanks are due the Women's Missionary Society for preparing the booklets that were used.

Another pleasing feature of the camp was the interest and the splendid co-operation of our people at Cranbrook and Kimberley: in the transportation of the campers and supplies, donations of various kinds, and help in the erection of the camp. Worthy of note, too, was the visitors' delight in the site chosen for the camp.

The location of the outdoor chapel seemed to have been ''made to order''. When we first came upon it there was no question but that this was to be the place for the chapel—a clearing in the pines that one approached through a natural aisle of trees, with an opening at one end for the pulpit—someone had given us a pedestal which served ideally for this. From the chapel, looking toward the pulpit, we had a view of almost the entire length of the lake, with the Selkirk Mountains in the background. Vespers were held here each night and on Sunday there was a special service attended by a goodly number of visitors as well as the campers. We were pleased to have as our special speaker the Rev. Malcolm Mark, who reminded his hearers at this open air service of the ''conventicles'' held by our Scottish forefathers, in the maintenance and defence of their Presbyterian faith. At this camp, between two mountain ranges, the singing of ''Unto the hills around'', with which the service opened, took on an even deeper meaning than usual.

A full programme was enjoyed by the campers: Bible study and worship, handcrafts, evening camp-fire, games and sports, including baseball and swimming. At the camp-fire on the last evening one of the older boys, giving his impressions of the camp, said that, although he had been at other camps, this was ''the best one he had ever attended''.

Miss Marjorie MacKay gives some of her impressions of this new camp.

TO have the privilege of helping to plan and organize a children's camp in the beautiful East Kootenay district of British Columbia, where a church camp had never before been held, was an experience not soon to be forgotten. At first thought, the holding of a camp seemed almost impossible. There were many problems to be faced—the high flood waters prevalent in that area, the lack of camp-site, money, equipment, and leaders. Yet, through the untiring efforts of the Rev. T. E. Roulston, minister of Knox Church, Cranbrook, and the wonderful co-operation and interest of the Presbyterian people of Cranbrook and Kimberley, we were able to have what was to me one of the best and most worth-while camps I have ever attended. Beginning with nothing, we had the happiest camp I have known.

Mrs. Lyle Martin of Kimberley, and Miss Maureen Hogg of Chapman Camp proved very able assistants. The real camp spirit shown by the children and the co-operation between children and leaders meant much in the making of this pioneer camp. The campers were reluctant to leave, and they are planning to return next year to find again new wonders in God's out-of-doors.

Possibly one of the greatest values of the camp will be the follow-up work, that can be done during the coming fall and winter in Sunday School, Explorer groups, and Mission Bands.

During the months of April, May, June and July I have been working at Kimberley, British Columbia, a mining city. As there has been only a ''stated supply'' there since February, my work has mainly consisted of visiting the Presbyterian families and helping in the Sunday School. An Explorer group was organized in May. The first two weeks of July I assisted in the co-operative Vacation School, taking charge of the intermediate group.

At Camp Wasa, Miss MacKay second on left

The Rev. J. S. Clarke tells of some results of last year's Adult Camp at Christopher Lake: two new Mission Bands; a discouraged leader going back to work with new enthusiasm; a Sunday School, usually open only in the summer, kept up all year; services of worship continued during the year; one woman so inspired and helped by the camp that she arranged to get men to conduct services during the months when usually there were none.

At Camp Kannawin in Alberta

AS this is being written, the camp season at Camp Kannawin, on the north shore of Sylvan Lake in central Alberta, is almost over. It has been without question the most successful yet. From the last week in June, when the ministers of the Synod gathered for a five-day retreat, until the Labour Day Conference of Young People, which, while still in the future, has an assured registration of at least fifty young people, the camp has resounded to the happy voices of campers and their lusty songs around the camp-fire.

The ministers' retreat, under the direction of the Rev. R. A. Sinclair, the Synod's camp convener, was very fortunate in having as a lecturer the Rev. Professor D. V. Wade of Knox College. Dr. Wade opened up the subject of his lectures and then all and sundry almost literally ''waded into'' the discussion. It was the Synod's first venture into this field, but it will certainly be repeated.

The Boys' Camp was held from July 2nd to July 12th, with the Rev. D. T. Evans as director and Peter Wotherspoon, Calvin Chambers and Harold Morris as assistants. There were thirty-eight campers, the largest attendance to date, and they all had a wonderful time. None of us will ever forget their sportsmanship and their spirit.

The Junior Girls' Camp followed, from July 13th to July 23rd. This camp taxed our accommodation, as fifty-one girls registered. The cabins bulged at the seams most of the time and the camp cook, Mrs. Marjorie Smith of Red Deer, really knew what a ''healthy young appetite'' meant. Miss Rae Starrett was the director and Mrs. W. Short, Miss Bernice Rabidoux, Miss Ruth Bray, Miss Ruth Starrett, and Miss Hazel McRae were the leaders.

The Young People's Camp, from July 25th to August 2nd, had the good fortune to have the Rev. Robert Lennox, Principal of Presbyterian College, Montreal, and Professor D. V. Wade of Knox College, Toronto. The Rev. Wm. Lawson, Synod's convener for Sunday Schools and Young People's Societies, was the director and the Rev. Robert Taylor of Medicine Hat lectured on Church History and Government. The young people had a grand time; there were only ten of them, but what they lacked in numbers they made up in enthusiasm and good spirits.

The Senior Girls' Camp, with Miss Margaret McLagan as director and Miss Molly Harback, Miss Shirley Douglas, and Mrs. W. Lawson as leaders, had a registration of thirty-six. Of all the camps this had perhaps the best balanced programme, equal emphasis being given to

Bible Study and Missions. From the beginning there was an atmosphere of easy friendliness and good fellowship, which, coupled with the sense of accomplishment, made this camp a joy to attend or even to visit.

The Young People's Conference, which is to be held over the Labour Day week-end, is the first attempt at holding a synodical gathering of young people in Alberta. It is hoped that out of this conference will come the organization of a synodical society with a regularly elected executive and its own particular programme. In any event, the conference will round off an outstanding series of camps and will help to mark the 1948 season as one of the best in the camp's history.

Adult Camp at Christopher Lake 1948

BY MRS. R. DOWNEY

FOR a number of years many churches have had summer camps for boys and girls, but this second Adult Camp at Christopher Lake, held from June 30th to July 5th, was quite different from such camps, for the mothers came to it; and they were encouraged to bring their children. The ages of the campers varied greatly—we had four-year-olds and twins of seventy-seven.

On our first evening the Rev. J. S. Clarke of Prince Albert gave a year-by-year account of the work done at the camp since the property was purchased in 1944. Now the large dormitory, in the upper storey of the lodge, has beds for eighty persons. Downstairs the fire-place was the centre of attraction and around it each night we assembled for vespers, led by Miss Isabel Scott. We had busy days, but the bell for meals was answered with alacrity by old and young alike.

Miss Hildur Hermanson, who returned a few months ago from her work at the Mackay Memorial Hospital, Taipeh, Formosa, gave many lectures and told many stories of her life and work there, told too, of the many problems to be faced. She left all with the feeling that help for Formosa was urgently needed.

Miss Scott, besides conducting vespers and the Sunday service, gave lectures to the women on various topics, such as "Group Worship", "The Use of the Flannelgraph", and "Story-telling". This was all the more appreciated because they were not interrupted in any way by the children. Miss Winifred Ripley, student deaconess, took charge of the little ones, teaching them and leading them in their play. In their work they made a beautiful model of the Cecilia Jeffrey Indian School and an Indian village, the sand on the beach providing a natural sand table. Mrs. J. T. Morgan of Prince Albert, the camp director, gave special talks on China, the subject of study in the Women's Missionary Society for next year.

One evening Mr. and Mrs. Stanley of Prince Albert showed us lantern slides of the beauties of Christopher Lake Camp and on Saturday evening the campers put on an original programme for the leaders and staff, as well as the many guests there that evening: readings, recitations, music, songs, and a short play, which showed an originality that would have been a credit to any Canadian Girls in Training camp.

This programme and the various activities, including swimming, fag duties and sports, that these women took part in with such vigour proved conclusively that a woman is never too old to go to camp, and their enthusiasm will mean a larger attendance at this adult camp next year. While the campers went home feeling that the change had been good for them, they also felt refreshed spiritually and full of renewed missionary zeal. Their thought assuredly was, "It was good for us to be there."

The Giver

"You give but little when you give of your possessions.
It is when you give of yourself that you truly give. . . . .
And there are those who have little and give it all.
These are the believers in life and the bounty of life.
    And their coffer is never empty.

And there are those who give with joy,
    And their joy is their reward.
And there are those that give with pain,
    And that pain is their baptism.

And there are those who give and know not the pain of giving,
    Nor do they seek joy, nor give with mindfulness of virtue!
They give as in yonder valley the myrtle
    Breathes its fragrance into space.
Through the hands of such as these God speaks
    And from behind their eyes he smiles upon the earth."

—Gibran, Syrian Christian poet (From *Women and Missions.*)

In the Peace River District

In the early part of the summer Miss Athalie Read, regional secretary for Alberta, visited the Peace River district.

"I WAS thankful for the opportunity given me to visit our fields in the Presbytery of Peace River," she writes. "One could not but feel when going among our congregations and meeting small faithful groups of church women that to-day we are building upon foundations that were laid by our former missionaries. There are no words to describe the hospitality and kindness shown to me as I visited this great field of our Church."

At Blueberry Mountain she attended an Auxiliary meeting, held at the home of the public health nurse—twelve members, with Mrs. Roderick Macdonald as president. It was, she felt, an especially good meeting—with impressive opening devotions, study (using *Our Commission*), and the reading of items of interest from recent numbers of *The Glad Tidings* and *The Presbyterian Record.* On Sunday she took the service, and gave a flannelgraph talk to the children. They met in the hall, but lumber had been cut and a site chosen for the new church. The church picnic, held while she was in the district, afforded an opportunity to meet the people, including new families from England and Holland.

Three weeks were spent in the Grande Prairie district, where she conducted Sunday services at Grande Prairie, Glen Leslie (in the school), Bear Lake (in a log church built when Dr. Alexander Forbes was at Grande Prairie), and Flying Shot. At Grande Prairie she spoke to the Sunday School and the Ladies' Aid, and at Flying Shot to the Associate Society, whose members were also studying *Our Commission.* Many good books having been sent to this group, Mrs. Tissington is starting a library in the school. It is hoped to have a Mission Band at Grande Prairie this fall.

"The church camp, under the direction of the Presbytery, lasted only two days because of polio. About forty people from Bear Lake congregation and some young people from Grande Prairie had a picnic supper, at which the Rev. J. A. Munro spoke to them about the work of our Church. The next day twelve teen-age girls enjoyed a day at camp; in the morning we had Bible study and handcraft, and in the afternoon swimming, a wiener roast on the beach, and a sing song, which brought our pleasant camp day to an end.

"At Wanham I had the privilege of addressing the women's group, which has been carrying on faithfully, looking after the church and manse. Here a leader was found to organize a C.G.I.T. group in the fall. In Brownvale I spoke to the Sunday School and the congregation and after the church service met with the women. There was a good number at Sunday School and I was interested to learn of their contribution to the support of our work in India. There are hopes that a C.G.I.T. group may be organized. From Brownvale I was happy to be able to go to Griffen Creek and meet with our women there. Then the Rev. G. Bastedo drove me out to the Last Lake district, where the church building was just being finished. The Christian influence of our deaconesses is still felt in this community.

"Smith's Mill and Chinook Valley are on the Dixonville field. At Chinook Valley I spoke to the congregation in the log school house, where the Sunday School is also held. I was at the Ladies' Aid meeting at Dixonville, the Sunday School and the church service. It was "Youth Sunday" and it was good to see the church almost filled; ten girls from the recently re-organized C.G.I.T. group formed the choir. . . . The Dixonville Ladies' Aid takes a mission study each year, and at present is studying *Beneath Thatched Roofs.* I was interested to meet with the congregation at Smith's Mill, thirteen miles from Dixonville. Mr. Smith employs about twelve or fourteen families, who live there. It was a lovely evening and the Sunday School and then the adults met in the cook house at the mill. Miss Ethel Smith is the leader of the re-organized C.G.I.T. group, which is made up of girls from Chinook Valley, The Mill, and Dixonville, covering, in all, a distance of eighteen miles."

Partly on account of the polio, it was impossible to hold the Vacation Bible Schools they had hoped to have.

The Crown of the Year

Have you seen the laughing Autumn
  With her plenteous harvest store?

Have you heard the sound of reaping
  From the farthest Western shore?

Have you seen the waving plumage
  Of her fields of Indian corn,

And the orchards—heavy laden—
  On this bright October morn?

And the sweetness of the vineyards!
  Have you caught the scented breeze—

And beyond, on hill and mountain,
  Seen the glory of the trees?

Then rejoice, bring glad thankoff'rings,
  Gifts of love the world to cheer,

For the sake of Him who loves us
  And with goodness crowns the year.

—Selected.

Survival and Revival in Formosa

BY REV. DUNCAN MACLEOD, D.D.

Dr. MacLeod, who retired in 1940, after 33 years' missionary service in Formosa, since 1925 with the English Presbyterian Mission in the south, returned when Formosa was again open after the war, to help the Church there. For a time then he was at Taipeh.

THAT the Christian Church has survived through these years of military oppression and political upheaval is a real evidence of the solid foundation which was laid by our pioneer missionaries in years past. The Christians stood firm amidst all kinds of difficulties which often involved risk of life. The fact of this survival, and the natural hope of real deliverance, which the people expected from their new rulers, their own kith and kin created a fresh hope that some serious mistakes might be rectified. But nothing really happened to substantiate these hopes. The result was a sense of bitter disappointment, and even of disillusionment. All the world knows what happened on the 28th February, 1947. This crisis was only the spasmodic outburst of irresponsible and irritated youth. The Formosan people who have been trained to obey law and order had nothing to do with that unfortunate event. It is going to take many years to efface the memory of it as far as the Formosan people are concerned.

However, as far as the Christian Church is concerned it stood the strain of years of prolonged warfare as well as the above-mentioned crisis much better than the people in general. The Christians began to avail themselves of the privileges granted for freedom of worship, and of the opportunities of preaching the Gospel everywhere. They cherished the conviction that only the Christian message can bring permanent deliverance, and that the Church which has survived those years of warfare can also survive whatever trials may arise during the present political tutelage. Cherishing such a conviction, they alone refuse to be discouraged. They are the only people who meet together Sunday after Sunday to worship, to rejoice, to pray, and to hope together. They pray for God's blessing upon the Republic of China, in spite of its present blundering in political confusion. They pray for the officials sent to rule over them. We are thankful there are a few professing Christians among them. There are also some officials who recognize what the Christian Church stands for in the social order. We are also thankful that there are many Formosan Christians who hold important positions in Government service; but it is regrettable that there are so many capable Formosans who would be a credit to the government, but who are not being employed. There is no doubt that the Chinese Republic lost a golden opportunity, at the beginning, of winning the hearts of the Formosan people. For the time being it has lost their love, respect and sympathy. For fifty years Formosans were used to discipline. They are a really progressive people who, if granted true political freedom, could make Formosa the most ideal province in the whole of China.

Whatever happens, the Christian Church faces the future realizing that its citizenship is in heaven, and thus accelerating in some measure the hastening of the coming of the Kingdom of God upon earth.

Our Mountain Brethren

Two visits were paid to Po-li-sia, a plain about forty miles east of Taichu. This plain is surrounded by lofty mountains, several thousand feet above sea-level, formerly the home of the head-hunters. In early days the pioneer missionaries risked their lives on every visit to the churches on the plain. The head-hunters used to rove the edge of the mountains looking for human victims. There are three churches on the plain. In former days, practically all the Christians were Pe-po-hoan, who are of Malay stock, racially related to the mountain tribes. In the centre of this plain there is a large, thriving town with a population of about 12,000 who are pure Chinese from the mainland of China. These proud Chinese in former years looked down upon the Pe-po-hoan, and called the Christian religion ''the Pe-po-hoan religion'', the result of the same spirit which gave the name ''Christian'' to the believers in Antioch.

Great changes are taking place on this plain, especially in the market town of Po-li. The grand-children of those head-hunters are now coming down from the mountains to worship in our churches on the plain.

The pastor who has been appointed to take charge of the work amongst these mountain tribes has now taken up residence in Po-li. He refused to accept a more remunerative position there, and is now very highly respected by the leading men of the town. He has helped in securing a temporary building for Christian worship. It is a large kindergarten school, with several rooms suitable for Sunday-school work, and has a hall which can accommodate about one hundred people.

That Sunday morning at Po-li the hall was full. In the afternoon the hall was packed; seats had to be placed on the veranda to accommodate the overflow. It was a unique mixture of races. This time the majority were Chinese, whose ancestors used to look down upon the Pe-po-hoan, and the Pe-po-hoan, who in years past dreaded the sight of the head-hunters, were now sitting side by side with the children of these very people. It was a happy occasion, as one looked upon it with the memory of past years still very fresh in one's mind. Here were three races sitting down together listening to the Christian message. There were three Christian doctors and several women of the well-to-do class, one lady the wife of a Formosan official.

—From *Far Horizons* (Presbyterian Church of England).

LITERATURE PAGE

Miss Louise A. Reith

AS the Auxiliaries "Enter China!" during the study year 1948-49 it is hoped that each Auxiliary will endeavour to build up a library of timely and instructive books on China, and that many of the members will add these books to their own libraries as well. There are many excellent books available which will be reviewed on this page and listed in the Book List on the inside of the back cover of this magazine. For a beginning we would suggest two books which contain a wealth of general information about China—LOOK AGAIN AT CHINA by Willis Lamott and CHINA—TWILIGHT OR DAWN? by Frank W. Price. LOOK AGAIN AT CHINA contains many pictures which illustrate the information it gives. The author says in the beginning of the book, "Before we make up our minds let us look again at China—at her physical environment, at her people, their history and culture, the ideas that rule their minds, and the motives that control their actions. Only thus can we find a point from which to start our task of understanding," Dr. Lamott then proceeds to tell of the Chinese people, their country, the culture, ideals, government, religion, art, language and literature of China; the relationship of China with the West; the place of Christianity in China through the years, in time of war, and now in the time of reconstruction, how the Church has "become a part of Chinese life" and "today looks abroad for assistance in the unfinished task of bringing Christ to all of China".

Dr. Frank W. Price, who was born in China and has spent much of his life there, and as a result is able to write from the point of view of a national as well as of a missionary, has, like all missionaries on furlough, been asked many questions about China. In his book CHINA

—Twilight or Dawn? he tries to answer the most common of the questions asked. In the first four chapters he examines the political, economic, social and cultural situation in China during and since the Sino-Japanese war, considering the international implications. In the four concluding chapters he discusses the place of the Christian Church in China during the war and since.

Both of these books give a good background of general information on China and help us to ''Enter China'' intelligently as well as providing us with interesting reading and supplementary material which will add interest to Auxiliary meetings.

Look Again at China—By Willis Lamott	$ .50
China—Twilight or Dawn?—By Frank W. Price	.90

(See the Book List on the inside of the back cover for the materials on China for the various groups.)

YOUNG WOMEN

Mrs. C. N. Johnston, *Secretary*

HAVE you ever begun to read a story and not wanted to stop until you had come to the end? I think that is the way many readers will feel about *Enter China* by Miss Louise Reith, which will be the book used as the basis for the study and discussion of China in our groups this year. With the book Miss Reith has prepared study outlines for each chapter, suggesting different ways in which the information given may be presented. There are also services of worship, based on the Beatitudes, in keeping with the theme of each chapter.

In the eight chapters of *Enter China* we are given a picture of the life, culture, and traditions of China, and with that the story of our missionary work in that part of the world. Of particular interest is the story of the political situation in China to-day and the events that have led up to it. The different religions of China are reviewed briefly but effectively in the second chapter. In chapters dealing with our own work we are told of the beautiful island of Formosa, of the beginnings of Christian work there, and of our own work to-day. In the sixth chapter we are told the story of the aboriginal tribes eager for the Gospel. The general work of the Christian Church in China is presented, including the work which is being done in the field of Christian literature. Finally, we have the story of our missionaries in Yunnan province and the work of the church there.

Once again we are happy to present an excellent book for young women to read, study and think about. We are sure they will enjoy it.

GIRLS and LEADERS

Mrs. Harold Keefer, ***Secretary***

PART of the responsibility of our girls' groups this year is the salary of Miss Eileen Budhoo, an East Indian young woman who is now employed by our Women's Missionary Society as a deaconess among her own people in British Guiana. We have asked Miss Budhoo to write to you telling of herself and her work.

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Letter Kenny, Corentyne,
Berbice, British Guiana.

Dear Friends,

At the request of Miss Webster, Girls' Work Secretary, it is with the greatest pleasure that I take this opportunity of forwarding to you the necessary information on my work in British Guiana as an employee of the Women's Missionary Society.

I was born in the County of Berbice, raised in a rural area, and brought up in a Christian home. The district in which I live is 87 miles from Georgetown, which is the capital of British Guiana.

After the completion of my primary school education, I was awarded a scholarship by the Canadian Mission to take training for two years in Home Economics in the Archibald Institute at St. Augustine, Trinidad, British West Indies. I entered the Archibald Institute in January 1945. In that year the school had two departments under the leadership of two Directors—the Religious Education Department and Home Economics.

Viewing the whole situation, I grasped the opportunity of taking a combined course for the two years. The subjects were as follows: in the Religious department, sociology, psychology, Old and New Testaments, special study of Sunday School work (from kindergarten to intermediate ages); and in the Home Economics department: nutrition, foods cookery—theory and practical, laundry and housewifery, mothercraft, teaching methods, curriculum building, and practical teaching.

After graduation I left the Island of Trinidad for my homeland, where I was employed by the Women's Missionary Society as a deaconess in three districts. My first piece of work was the organization of clubs. My main task is among teen-age girls from 14 to 18.

Our aim in forming such organizations is the four-fold development of the individual—physical, social, intellectual, and spiritual. Girls of other denominations from the neighbouring districts join in our organizations. Meetings are held regularly every week. They are of a two-fold nature—devotions and a needlework class. We have Bible study to meet teen-agers' needs. After the devotional period some time is devoted to sewing, knitting, crochet and fancy work.

The one women's group that I am responsible for is called the Women's Happy Workers' Society. In the women's programme there is a period of Scripture study in which every member takes part. Sewing is being carried on during the year for the purpose of realizing funds. Since we have no other means of helping our church meet its obligations, every member helps make garments to be sold.

I have some Sunday work, too. In my Sunday School there is an attendance of between 30 and 35. It is divided into two departments—junior and primary. We try to instil into the minds of the children their duty to God and their fellow men.

I also make weekly visits to members' homes, appealing to them for co-operation and support towards the progress of our work. This year there is an addition to my work, in that when I call at the homes of our people I try to teach them some of the fundamentals of Home Economics. This has aroused keen interest among parents and also among girls from 14 to 17. Between these ages our East Indian girls are eager to grasp this opportunity.

Before concluding my letter, I thank you most sincerely for your contribution made and great interest shown towards my work in this part of the Master's vineyard.

Your help is always needed in the improvement and progress of our work in British Guiana.

Greetings to one and all.

Yours sincerely,

Eileen Budhoo.

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Your group should send its contribution towards Miss Budhoo's salary to the treasurer of your Presbyterial.

The $1,200.00 contributed by girls' groups this year is to be divided as follows:

Mistawasis Reserve, Saskatchewan (school work)	$480.00
Helen Macdonald Girls' School, Jhansi, India	300.00
British Guiana—salary of Miss Eileen Budhoo, deaconess	420.00

CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT

Mrs. W. N. Ferguson, *Secretary*

This being the camp number of "Glad Tidings" we thought it would be interesting to have some children tell about their camp experiences. Because I was holidaying in Goderich I asked a girl and a boy who had been to Kintail Camp to do this, and the following is what they gave us.—L. M. Macarthur.

A Day at Kintail Camp and some of the Highlights

THE bell is ringing, which means it is seven o'clock and time to get up for our morning dip. After our morning dip we have flag-raising, chapel and then breakfast. Each day they take four boys, one from each cabin, to serve the meals and wash the dishes. After breakfast we tidy up our cabins and make our beds, to be ready for cabin inspection. Next we have Bible study for half an hour, then a sports period, then another half hour of Bible study. By this time the cabins are inspected and it is time for a swim until dinner time. The swimming period is all over and it is time for dinner. After dinner we have a long rest period and can write letters or read. When the rest period is over we have handicraft, which is followed by a swim. After the swim is over we have our supper and then a ball game between different teams, which are chosen up. Then we have chapel, which is followed by campfire down on the beach. When the campfire is over, it is time for bed.

The Highlights—Among the highlights of our camp were the Bible study periods with Mr. McMillan teaching the New Testament, about Jesus and His disciples, and Mr. MacDonald teaching about some people in the Old Testament. Also it was nice meeting the leaders, who were Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson of Hensall, Mr. and Mrs. McMillan of Goderich and Mr. MacDonald of Tillsonburg. The delicious meals, which were made by Mrs. Douglas of Lucknow, added greatly to the pleasantness of camp life. At night the campfire was held and every night a different cabin put on the programme. If you go to Kintail camp next year you can be sure of learning a lot and having a good time.

—*Jimmie Macarthur* (aged 12).

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I have been to Presbyterian Church Camp two years now and have always had a grand time. As I am ten years old, I attended the group aged eight to eleven. The part I enjoyed most was the handicrafts. This year we made bracelets of shells. We painted the shells with different shades of nail polish. We also made brooches and little ornaments by shaping plaster of Paris and pushing little stones into it. They taught us how to make autograph books and then we had the other girls and boys write verses in ours and sign their name and address. Some of us wrote letters to each other after we went home. Each day we had a nature study period and in a World Friendship group we learned about the people in other lands. We went swimming twice a day for half an hour and we could play volley-ball and softball in our spare time. This always gave us a good appetite for all the good things the cook had for us.

There were ten in each cabin and a leader. Our leader was grand. At rest time and before we went to sleep she read us stories, helped us say our prayers and then tucked us all in for the night. She was so good to us that some of us cried when we said good-bye to her. I certainly hope I can go again to camp next year.

—*Margaret MacDonald* (aged 10).

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THROUGH THE SOCIETY

BRITISH COLUMBIA

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KAMLOOPS - OKANAGAN Presbyterial — The Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Church, Armstrong, has suffered a serious loss in the death of Mrs. W. B. McKechnie, who gave so generously of her time and talent to organizing and establishing the Armstrong Auxiliary. When she felt she could no longer continue in office, she was always ready to help with wise counsel through the years. For the past eight years Mrs. McKechnie was a semi-invalid, but during that time she acted as Auxiliary Home Helpers secretary. The Society will miss her friendship and her consecrated ability.

Kootenay Presbyterial — The Auxiliary of Knox Church, Cranbrook, lost a valued member in the death of Miss Margaret Emslie. Since coming to Canada from Scotland in 1912, she had been deeply interested in the life and work of the Church. She was a life member of the Women's Missionary Society and had given faithful service in various offices. At the time of her death, at the age of 81, she was Home Helpers Secretary. Her kindly, unassuming manner endeared her to all. ''In quietness and confidence was her strength.''

Victoria Presbyterial — Mrs. M. C. Fuller, Presbyterial President, and eleven other Presbyterial executive members went to Nanaimo for an executive meeting. Members were also present from Duncan and Port Alberni. Mrs. G. Ledingham of Vancouver, a former Provincial president, was the special speaker; she briefly outlined the early activities in missionary work in British Columbia. Mrs. J. Alexander, the Nanaimo Auxiliary president, welcomed the visitors. Mrs. H. Warren, Young Women's secretary, spoke on the importance of stimulating interest in young people's work. Mrs. J. Young, Girls' Organizations secretary, discussed the possibility of a girls' camp being started on Vancouver Island, and Mrs. L. Davis, C.G.I.T. leader, reported on work being done among younger girls.

The three members of the Associate Society of St. Andrew's, Duncan, who attended this June Presbyterial meeting at Nanaimo report that they received much inspiration and enjoyed the fellowship of members from various points. Rallies such as these increase interest in our mission work at home and abroad.

Westminster Presbyterial—Robertson Auxiliary, Vancouver, held a luncheon meeting in the church hall, at which the special speaker, Mrs. H. G. Marsh, wife of the Rev. H. G. Marsh, formerly of Fort Erie, Ontario, told of the work in that part of the country. Recently Mr. Marsh has been called to Rocky Mountain House, Alberta.

SASKATCHEWAN

MRS. JAY WATSON, BOX 1056,
WEYBURN, PRESS SECRETARY

MOOSE Jaw Presbyterial—A most successful Vacation Bible School was held in Knox Presbyterian Church, Briercrest, from August 9th to 13th under the direction of Dr. and Mrs. L. L. Young, assisted by the Misses

Margaret and Beth McNaughton. Dr. and Mrs. Young were for many years missionaries to the Koreans in Japan and are hoping to return there soon. Thirty children were enrolled. They brought their lunches and a hot dish was served at noon by the women of the Women's Missionary Society Auxiliary. On the evening of the closing day a programme was given in the church by the children and their handwork was on display. An illustrated lecture was given by Dr. and Mrs. Young.

HAMILTON AND LONDON

Mrs. J. S. Dobbie, 103-5th St. East,
Owen Sound, Press Secretary

BRUCE and Owen Sound Presbyterial—In early August a farewell service was held in Tolmie Memorial Church, Port Elgin, for Miss Beatrice Scott, the Rev. John Hart conducting it. Mrs. Bryce, Presbyterial President, brought greetings and Mrs. J. W. Dougherty of the Montreal and Ottawa Synodical Society spoke briefly of their work. On behalf of the Presbyterial, Mrs. Lyman Brown presented a purse of money to Miss Scott. A social hour followed the service and all wished Miss Scott godspeed as she goes back to her labours among the Bhils in India.

Chatham Presbyterial—For the July meeting Duart Auxiliary took up the life and work of William Carey, the first English Protestant missionary to India (1793), and Adoniram Judson, missionary to Burma (1819), with special attention to their translation of the Scriptures, Carey into Indian languages and dialects and Judson into Burmese.

Mrs. Donald McLaren, Presbyterial president, spoke on *Dauntless Women* at a supper meeting of the Knox Evening Auxiliary of Wallaceburg. ''Do we really know Jesus?'' queried Mrs. Vaughan Hess, speaker at the annual Home Helpers meeting of the Wallaceburg Senior Auxiliary. ''We take our religion too lightly,'' she said; ''there is no middle road—we stand either for or against Christ.''

Maitland Presbyterial—The 61st anniversary of Chalmers Auxiliary, Whitechurch, was observed on July 22nd, with Mrs. Sutherland, president, in charge of the programme. Mrs. R. Mowbray paid tribute to the loyalty and devotion of Mrs. D. Kennedy and Mrs. A. Emmerson; the latter had been secretary for thirty years. Mrs. G. A. Milne of Brussels was the principal speaker, and a choral service was led by Calvin, Langside and Whitechurch choirs.

The 70th anniversary of Knox Auxiliary, Teeswater, was observed in July. Guests were present from Wingham, Whitechurch and Langside. Mrs. G. Reid, Presbyterial President, brought greetings, and one of the members gave a résumé of the seventy years' work. Mrs. J. Linklater, a valued member for many years, now residing in Kincardine, presented a Record Life Membership Book to the Auxiliary. The Presbyterial historian, Mrs. McWhinney, who had been present at many of their anniversaries, was the main speaker.

Mrs. A. C. Stewart of Midland was the speaker at the August meeting of Knox Auxiliary, Kincardine.

MONTREAL AND OTTAWA

Mrs. J. R. Hill, 250 Cooper Street,
Ottawa, Press Secretary

GLENGARRY Presbyterial—The annual Home Helpers meeting of the Maxville Evening Auxiliary was held at the manse, with Mrs. Archie Munroe in charge of the devotional service. Mrs.

H. W. Graham gave a fine address on ''The Lost Coin'' and Mrs. Fitzgerald reviewed *The Glad Tidings.* Mrs. H. A. Doig read a most interesting, descriptive letter from Mr. and Mrs. Ransom of Kienshui, China.

Another Home Helpers meeting was held in Finch, when St. Luke's Auxiliary met at the home of Mrs. H. W. Berwick, with fifty-six women present. Mrs. C. Robertson and Mrs. J. A. McRae led in the devotions. Addresses were given by two members from Morewood—Mrs. Lyle Hunter, who spoke on ''Opportunities and Responsibilities'', and Mrs. Colin McGregor, who took as her subject, ''Why Home Helpers should become active members''.

When Mrs. W. L. Montgomery, president of Gravel Hill Auxiliary, reviewed the July-August *Glad Tidings,* referring especially to British Guiana and the appointment of the Rev. and Mrs. Thomas Maxwell to that field, a friend of Mrs. Maxwell's who was a visitor at the meeting, spoke to the Auxiliary in glowing terms of her and Mr. Maxwell. Mrs. Maxwell and their baby are still in Canada, but she hopes to go to British Guiana shortly. This Auxiliary will now have a special interest in these missionaries and follow them in their work.

Miss Muriel Judd, deaconess in the Chinese work in Montreal, was the special speaker at a largely attended joint meeting of Glen Gordon Auxiliary and Picnic Grove Young Women's Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Church, Lancaster, held at the home of Mrs. A. A. McLennan and the Misses McLennan. She gave a vivid account of her work, which includes teaching, social service, kindergarten, girls' work and Bible study. Mrs. McDonald presided, Mrs. Alpin McGregor and Mrs. J. R. Black led in devotions, and Miss H. Snider reviewed *The Glad Tidings.*

Montreal Presbyterial—The Presbyterial officers feel that the Society has suffered a great loss in the passing, on August 7th, of Mrs. M. E. Pritchard. An active member of MacVicar Memorial Church and for a number of years Auxiliary treasurer, she became in 1931 Supply Secretary for the Presbyterial and later for the Quebec Provincial Society. Her duties, which she carried out with enthusiasm and efficiency until compelled by failing health to retire, brought her into close contact with the Auxiliaries and her quiet Christian character endeared her to all the members.

Ottawa Presbyterial—Mrs. J. R. Hill, Synodical Press Secretary, when visiting in Winnipeg, conveyed Synodical greetings to the Manitoba Society, and greetings from Ottawa Presbyterial to Winnipeg Presbyterial through their president, Mrs. George Bradley; she also extended good wishes to St. James members through Mrs. Douglas C. Hill, to St. John's group through Mrs. A. F. Howick, and to Old Kildonan, through Mrs. Donald Flint. Mrs. Hill brought home many good wishes from our Western friends.

Each time we smell the autumn's dying scent
We know that primrose time will come again;
Be bounteous in thy faith, for not misspent
Is confidence unto the Father lent.

—George Macdonald.

Treasurer's Statement

July 31st, 1948

RECEIPTS:

Birtle Indian School, Government grant	$ 100.00
Cecilia Jeffrey School, Government grant	9,056.63
Chinese Vacation School, Montreal	2.32
Glenmohr Children's Camp, "M. G. Abey Children's Nursing Home, India"	13.00
Life Membership Pins	20.00
Synodical Societies:	
British Columbia	600.00
British Columbia, Supplies	179.85
Hamilton and London	2,800.00
Hamilton and London, Supplies	222.35
Saskatchewan	100.00
Saskatchewan, Supplies	28.95
Received for Hospitalization from Workers	45.00
	$13,168.10

DISBURSEMENTS:

Indian Schools:	
Birtle	$ 316.64
Birtle, Government Grant	1,529.51
Cecilia Jeffrey	324.98
Cecilia Jeffrey, Government Grant	1,450.00
Chinese in Canada	1,875.56
Deaconesses	2,986.66
Children's Centre, Vancouver	474.67
St. Margaret's Centre, Toronto	453.98
Organization	869.98
Supplies	326.75
Exchange	2.35
Publications	1,000.00
Administration	2,686.28
Missionaries' Expenses	1,573.52
Missionaries' Personal Account	310.00
British Guiana	400.00
Projector for British Guiana	133.25
India:	
Bhil Field	700.00
Jhansi Field	200.00
Formosa	500.00
Christian Literature	100.00
Council Expenses	2,2[illegible]1.00
Port Work	354.60
Taxes and Insurance	36.61
	$20,846.34

RESERVE FUNDS:

RECEIPTS:

Pension Fund—	
Interest	$ 283.81
Sustaining Fund—	
Interest	171.54
Legacy Fund—	
Payment on Saskatoon Residence	9,200.00
Purchase Price of Car returned from British Guiana	2,289.70
Interest	126.04
Special Fund—	
Interest	79.57
Overseas Fund—	
Interest	83.48
	$12,234.14

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EDITORIAL

Mrs. Arthur W. Pae is the new President of the Women's Missionary Society, Western Division, elected to the office by the Council on October 1st. She succeeds Mrs. J. G. Inkster, who has presided over the affairs of the Society for the past four years. Mrs. Pae has had experience in Auxiliary and Presbyterial work in Montreal prior to her coming to Toronto and as a member on Council Executive has served as Secretary for India and British Guiana, as Convener of the Overseas and Literature Committees and for the past two years as Convener of the Programme Committee for the Council Meetings.

Attention is called to the new list of officers, Mrs. G. R. Pye is now the Recording Secretary and Mrs. D. F. Hazell the Supply Secretary.

The Council Executive recently accepted with regret the resignation of Mrs. W. N. Ferguson who has been Children's Secretary since 1943.

Miss Isabel McConnell of the Bhil Field, India, is at present doing deputation work in the provinces of Alberta and British Columbia.

Miss Mary Sherrick who returned to Canada on furlough in July is doing deputation work in the province of Saskatchewan. Early in the New Year she intends to take further studies in Toronto.

Miss Beatrice Scott sailed from Montreal on September 26th for India on the steamer *Norlago,* returning to the Bhil Field after her first furlough. It is very regrettable that at the last moment Miss Margaret Campbell, who was to have sailed with her, for personal reasons decided not to go to India.

Miss Ellen Anderson sailed from Halifax on the *Lady Nelson* on October 16th for British Guiana after her furlough in Canada.

Miss Frieda E. Matthews, National Executive Secretary, is visiting the work in Western Canada.

Writing from Tokyo, Japan, Miss Laura K. Pelton, Overseas Executive Secretary, expressed herself as being ''thrilled'' with that city and continued, ''Perhaps it is the challenge of the situation pregnant with terrific potential for good and bad.''

Miss Hildur Hermanson is in Weirdale, Saskatchewan, where she is beginning public health work and helping to make a Community Centre out of the former Weirdale Nursing Home. Her salary is paid by the Women's Missionary Society.

At the Council Meeting the members heard Mrs. Keefer's presentation of the work done by the Canadian Committee on Church Relief Abroad and heard her tell of the need for money before more bales could be shipped. Council Executive at the meeting on October 12th voted $250 for this purpose.

Miss Grace Mackay of Saskatoon has recently been appointed as a Regional Secretary. At present she is in Toronto preparing for the work she will be doing. She will be appointed later to a definite sphere of work. Miss Mackay's appointment makes three Regional Secretaries under the Women's Missionary Society.

Attention is called to the date of the 1949 World Day of Prayer which will be March 4th. Please order your Day of Prayer Programmes as early as possible from the Literature Department in order to avoid disappointment. Payment for the programmes should be made direct to the Literature Department—do *not* include payment with the offering sent to the Treasurer for the World Day of Prayer.

Editors

IN May 1948 the Council Executive regretfully accepted the resignation of Miss Helen Mackintosh, for thirteen years Editor of *The Glad Tidings.* The Council Executive expressed its appreciation of the faithful and efficient service given by Miss Mackintosh and elsewhere in this issue appears the estimation in which her work was held by the members of Council.

A new Editor has been appointed in the person of Miss Mary Whale who by academic standing and by experience is well qualified for the position. She is a graduate in arts of the University of Western Ontario and of the Ontario College of Education. She has had eight years' experience teaching in both elementary and secondary schools. In addition to experience in preparing material for such publications as the *Intermediate-Senior Quarterly* and the *Teacher* for use in our Church schools, she has for several years edited the women teachers' *Newsletter.*

Miss Whale will take over her duties as Editor early in January 1949. Until that time *The Glad Tidings* will be under the direction of the Editorial Committee. —*A. Inkster.*

Miss Helen Mackintosh

THE Council Executive were very regretful at having to accept the resignation of Miss Helen Mackintosh which was to take effect on September 15th. In tendering her resignation Miss Mackintosh showed great consideration for the Society in not taking her holiday at the usual time but continued her work so that she might complete the October *Glad Tidings.*

At the last Council Executive meeting at which Miss Mackintosh was present, Mrs. Inkster spoke in appreciation of the work done by the Editor during a period of thirteen years.

At the Council Meeting a Committee was appointed to prepare an appreciation which was presented to Council on Friday, October 1st:

''The members of Council now in session desire to place on record their sincere regret at the resignation of Miss Helen Mackintosh, Editor of *The Glad Tidings.* We wish to convey to her our deep appreciation of all that she has meant to our Society. In a work that required special talents and training and exacting and arduous labour she gave unstintingly of herself. By her courtesy and promptness she endeared herself to all *Glad Tidings* secretaries who had to correspond with her. We feel the Master has yet many avenues of service for her and pray that His richest blessing may be hers.''

Miss Margaret Webster

The Council Executive accepted with regret the resignation of Miss Margaret Webster who leaves us to become Associate Secretary of the Department of Christian Education, Canadian Council of Churches.

Miss Webster's resignation will create a vacancy not only in the Girls' Department where she has been Girls' Work Secretary for the past seven years but throughout our entire Organization.

Her keen devotion to our Church and her earnest desire to further the work of the Women's Missionary Society together with her vast knowledge of every part of our constituency made her one upon whose judgment one could rely with the utmost confidence.

Our Society suffers a serious loss but we are happy in the knowledge that Miss Webster's work will still be with the young people for whom she has such love and who in turn accord her the trust and devotion she so richly deserves.

—*Mrs. Harold Keefer.*

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The Council Meeting

"COMMITTED Unto Us"—was the theme of the Council Meeting of our Women's Missionary Society, held in Olivet Church, Toronto, September 27th to October 1st. On Monday evening there was a buffet supper and reception for delegates and missionaries followed by the opening meeting of Council when the Service of Worship was conducted by the Reverend Charles H. MacDonald, D.D., who represented the Moderator. Dr. MacDonald took as his text "Lord, Teach us to pray." Luke 11: 1.

An interesting event the first night of the Council Meeting was the presentation by Mrs. Daniel Strachan of five-year service bars to be added to the twenty-five year service medals which had been presented previously to Miss Margaret Allan and Miss Lily M. Macarthur. Miss Margaret Allan has worked as a deaconess in Hamilton during her thirty-three years of service. The bar should have been presented to her three years ago but due to war conditions it was not possible to obtain it. In her thirty years of service under the Women's Missionary Society, Miss Lily M. Macarthur has been in strategic positions in Canada, first in Montreal and Quebec as a port worker, then as a deaconess in Regina, Saskatchewan, Kirkland Lake, Ontario, and Val d'Or, Quebec, from which place she went to Brantford as part-time deaconess in Knox Church and part-time worker under the Co-operative Committee among wives and children of men in the services and war workers. In 1944 Miss Macarthur was appointed to her present position of Children's Work Secretary of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

On Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday there were morning, afternoon and evening sessions, and on Friday, morning and afternoon, Mrs. J. G. Inkster being in the chair at all sessions. The service of worship each morning was conducted by Miss Lily M. Macarthur who took as her theme verse, Revelation 22: 3,4—"His servants shall serve Him: and they shall see his face; and his name shall be on their foreheads." Miss Macarthur dealt with this text under the following headings—''The Long View''; ''Christian Service''; ''Communion''; ''Possessed by the Spirit''.

The Synodical Societies were represented by the following: *British Columbia*—Mrs. Robert Pollock, Mrs. F. W. Allott, Vancouver; Mrs. H. Calderwood, Prince Rupert; Mrs. M. Fuller, Victoria; *Alberta*—Mrs. G. Metcalfe, Mrs. J. G. Moors, Calgary; Mrs. W. J. Young, Edmonton; Mrs. W. Hunt, Macleod; Mrs. W. J. Kirkpatrick, Red Deer; *Saskatchewan*—Mrs. Wm. Kelly, Mrs. R. G. Perry, Moose Jaw; Mrs. F. J. Sinkiewicz, Meath Park; Mrs. F. Woods, Regina; Mrs. T. J. White, Saskatoon; *Manitoba*—Mrs. C. LeCocq, Mrs. W. S. Nairn, Fort William; Mrs. G. W. Bradley, St. James; Mrs. J. McLeod, Brandon; Mrs. George Stirrett, Port Arthur; *Hamilton and London*—Mrs. D. Munro, Hamilton; Miss Edith Leckie, Stratford; Mrs. John Bell, Kincardine; Mrs. D. Charteris, Chatham; Mrs. Guthrie Reid, Teeswater; Mrs. G. D. Johnston, Brantford; Mrs. J. C. Davies, Walkers; *Toronto and Kingston*—Mrs. A. T. Barr, Arthur; Mrs. J. M. Tomlinson, Mrs. E. C. A. Reynolds, Toronto; Mrs. J. O. Ralston, Campbellford; Mrs. E. O. Rawson, Barrie; Mrs. D. L. Fleming, Belleville; Mrs. A. Glenn Thompson, Stouffville; *Montreal and Ottawa*—Mrs. Harcourt Emra, Mrs. J. Logan-Vencta, Ottawa; Mrs. P. Boy, Scotstown; Mrs. D. W. Blakely, Pembroke; Mrs. W. Fitzsimons, Cardinal; Mrs. D. Mason McLennan, Lancaster; Miss M. Rowat, St. Lambert.

On Tuesday, following the afternoon session, the delegates enjoyed a visit to ''Westminster House'', the Presbyterian Missionary and Deaconess Training School, where they were welcomed by the Principal, Mrs. G. D. Ralston, and were shown through the school by the students in residence. Prior to the Tuesday evening session the delegates were the guests of Council Executive at Tea at the Canadian School of Missions.

On Wednesday evening the Reverend Donald MacMillan of Olivet Church conducted the Service of Worship. The Reverend W. F. Butcher, speaking of the *Advance for Christ* said that we should not think of the Advance in terms of money raised or spent but as a movement concerned with the purpose of the Church—the strengthening of the Church's life and its equipment in every way for the work it has to do in the coming years. Mr. Butcher said, ''An increasing number of people are beginning to ask a question which can be very disturbing. The question is—what does the Presbyterian Church in Canada form, what is its task, its mission?

There is a growing body of conviction, a growing sense of direction, a growing body of purpose which determines our policies, our thought, our whole life. I believe that God has preserved the Presbyterian Church in Canada because within its life, its homes and its teaching there is Biblical exposition of the Christian faith, which is the soundest Christian doctrine there is and which will not be given to the nation unless we give it. We have a message to tell to the people of Canada.

If we are going to go forward as a Church we shall have to start new work, changing our policies. We shall have to enter new areas. Our outreach will have to become dominant in Western Canada, in the North land and overseas. But to go forward we need a lot more men and women. There is an urgent need of more men for the ministry, more women for deaconesses.

We also need a lot more money. The Advance has been a wonderful demonstration of what the people can do. The people of the Church gave wonderfully every time they had a chance and we feel that they will continue to give wonderfully.''

The Presbyterian Church has raised in cash well over a million and a quarter dollars and in cash and pledges $1,420,000.

There have been many results of the Advance for Christ. People have learned a great deal more about the Church. It has uncovered excellent leadership. Because of this movement there are deepening convictions as to the purpose of the Church in most Presbyterian congregations throughout the land. The movement was something in which God the Holy Spirit was leading because He had a great mission and task for The Presbyterian Church in Canada.

PROFESSOR B. C. DILTZ

On Wednesday evening Professor B. C. Diltz of the Ontario College of Education, one of the Presbyterian delegates to the First Assembly of the World Council of Churches, which met from August 22nd to September 4th, told of that historic meeting in the historic city of Amsterdam, Holland.

Professor Diltz traced the steps leading up to the meeting in Amsterdam beginning with the Edinburgh Conference in 1910 where Dr. Oldham and Dr. John R. Mott, both at Amsterdam, had been present.

To this first Assembly of the World Council of Churches in Amsterdam came representatives from one hundred and forty-five churches of forty-four nations, proving that in truth ''The World Council of Churches was born of the steadfast zeal of the missionary task.'' Among the countries represented were Abyssinia, India, China and Formosa, one representative being from our own field in Formosa.

Professor Diltz described vividly many of the colourful personalities present at Amsterdam who had come to study and plan together as part of the World Council of Churches. This Council has no constitutional power and no rights, simply such duties as may be assigned to it but its significance rests in the fact of its fellowship and common Christian outlook, the ''common relatedness'' of its members to ''a common Lord'', for in that Council there was achieved ''a unity of spirit with diversity of men''.

Coming together in the midst of a world in turmoil representatives of many varying denominations retained their individual uniqueness while planning ''to do together what could not be done alone.'' They were fired by the great common desire to ''show forth the Gospel at One World level'' and to make clear to the people throughout the world their relationship to the Cross.

At the last session on Friday afternoon flowers were presented to the retiring President, Mrs. J. G. Inkster, by Mrs. A. R. McMurrich on behalf of the Council. Mrs. McMurrich expressed the appreciation of the Council of Mrs. Inkster's leadership during the four years she had been president of the Society. The Rev. G. D. Johnston, Chairman of the General Board of Missions, conducted the election of officers and installation service. At the close of the Council Meeting those present were entertained at tea by the women of Olivet Presbyterian Church.

Finances

IN presenting her statement as Treasurer, Mrs. Strachan stated that for the year 1947 the total receipts for all funds except the Pension, were $255,981.28 while total disbursements from the same funds were $254,569.66.

For the year 1947 the receipts from Synodical Societies were $9,066.58 over the estimate or $163,066.58.

TRUST FUNDS—From January 1st, 1948 to Council Meeting

The *Pension Fund*—During the year, Mr. and Mrs. Pitts and Miss Edna Goodwill retired from the Pension Fund and Miss K. Stewart, Miss Ruby Walker and Miss Vera Carson were added. There are now 30 connected with it. The Pension Fund now stands at $59,671.31. It also was reported that on April 1st 1948 the purchase price of Government Annuities was increased approximately 25% while the interest rate of all new subscribers has been reduced from 4% to 3%.

The *Peace Thanksgiving Fund* stands at $39,985.49. During the year $569.70 had been received. From the interest the following disbursements had been made: Tyal Girls, Formosa, $50.00; Deaconess, ''Institute of Child Study'', $25.00; Chinese Worker ''Music Course'', $50.00; Missionary, Study Course at Queen's University, $46.03; Education of girls at the Helen Macdonald School, Jhansi, India, $450.00. It was agreed by Council that the following grants be made, in 1949: Bursaries for India, $450.00 and for Ludhiana, $250.00; Vernacular Courses for Nurses, $100.00; Refresher Courses for deaconesses, $300.00; Boy in Bhil Field, $69.00; New Canadian boy, $30.00 and whatever is required for study for Misses Sherrick, Mackay and MacKenzie.

The *Legacy Fund*—At the beginning of 1948 there was in this fund $46,641.04 and from January 1948 to Council 1948, $24,561.63 has been received, of which $11,945.91 was from Legacies and $12,615.72 from interest, refunds and $9,200.00 from the first payment on Saskatoon Residence.

From the *Overseas Fund,* $1,000.00 was given to Orphaned Missions and $116.67 for camera and films for overseas. The fund now stands at $10,083.97.

From the *Special Fund* was taken $4,174.47 for expenses of Miss Pelton's overseas trip. The fund now stands at $20,370.55.

The *Sustaining Fund* now stands at $35,683.73.

Supply Fund—Balance on hand January 1st 1948 was $3,281.16. Received from Synodicals, $2,238.05. There was disbursed, $5,778.54, leaving the account overdrawn $259.33.

ESTIMATES

On Wednesday afternoon, Mrs. Strachan presented the estimates for 1949. These amounted to $176,300.00 or the same as 1948. These were accepted unanimously.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The following recommendations were presented by Mrs. Strachan on behalf of the Finance Committee and were accepted by Council:

1. That all Synodicals appoint Finance Committees instead of Finance Secretaries.

2. That allocations be sent direct from the Presbyterial to all Auxiliaries; Senior, Evening and Young Women. No Senior Auxiliary should now allocate to the other Auxiliaries in their Church.

3. That the Treasurer be authorized to transfer Interest from the Sustaining Fund for the year 1948 to the Pension Fund.

4. That the Treasurer be authorized to transfer $2,000.00 from the balance on hand at the close of 1948 to the Pension Fund.

5. That the Treasurer be authorized to carry the Peace Thanksgiving Fund in two accounts, one Capital, the other the Interest from the Fund and any gifts that may be sent in to be used for the purpose of the Fund.

Mrs. Strachan, in closing, reminded the Council that deficits had been unknown all through the war years. The Women's Missionary Society had never had to curtail their work, or reduce salaries. The women have never failed us in any way, and we look forward to the year 1949 with confidence that all our obligations will be met.

Overseas Work

IN the absence of Miss Laura K. Pelton, Executive Secretary in charge of Overseas work, Mrs. Arthur W. Pae presented some items in connection with the Overseas work of the Society.

BRITISH GUIANA

Referring to the presence of two missionaries from British Guiana, Miss Ellen Anderson and Miss Margaret Ramsay, who would speak of their work on that field, Mrs. Pae said she would make but little mention of what is being done there except to say that ''opportunity'' and corresponding ''responsibility'' are still ours and that the people look to us to help them as they endeavour to build their own Church and provide its pastors and congregational leaders.

Mrs. Pae reported that *Miss Edna Goodwill* had returned home having completed her term of service as a teacher in the Berbice High School. Miss Goodwill's work has been outstanding and she is being greatly missed in the school and among the groups of women, girls and young people in the district surrounding Berbice.

FORMOSA

After many months of discouragement and disappointment the Church in this ''Beautiful Isle'' is gradually re-establishing herself. She continues to ask for missionaries from the ''mother'' Church to help her in her ''building'' which she feels should be proceeding much more quickly. *Miss Dorothy Douglas* tells us of the first ''All Formosan Youth Conference'' held in Tamsui in the Girls' School and attended by over 1,200 people. A choir of trained voices under the direction of *Miss Isabel Taylor* contributed greatly to the enjoyment of the conference. *Mrs. Hugh MacMillan* has been helping to direct the work of the Mackay Memorial Hospital since *Miss Hildur Hermanson* returned on furlough in April. A special feature of the work being done in the hospital is the training of girls from some of the tribes of aborigines. These girls will return to their own villages and help in setting up some type of medical work there.

CHINA

In Kienshui, Yunnan Province, where the missionaries of our Church are stationed, and where *Mrs. Mildred Gehman* has worked so hard to set up a hospital and training school for nurses, there appears to be no end to the work that may be done. Many Christians from Manchuria are making their way into this province. One of them, the daughter of a pastor, made her way on foot over the hundreds of miles and through enemy territory disguised as a beggar woman. This woman, a trained nurse, is now serving in the Kienshui hospital. Mrs. Gehman is at present enjoying a much needed rest in Hong Kong.

INDIA

In Jhansi the Helen Macdonald School is operating at capacity with a well trained staff of Indian teachers, under the direction of *Miss E. M. Magee.* More and more students are asking for advanced study and while their parents are able to send them at least part of the way through High School that is all that they can do. The Society is happy to be able to help in this situation, chiefly through the Peace Thanksgiving Fund. *Mrs. C. P. Young's* work in general oversight of the detailed management of the affairs of the school and hostel cannot be overestimated. All are looking forward to the return of *Miss Irene Stringer* at present on furlough in Canada.

Mrs. Pae referred to the fact that Miss Mary Sherrick, B.A., B.Ed., Principal of the school at Amkhut and supervisor of the work of several village schools was present and would tell of her own work. *Miss Gertrude Rollo, Reg.N.,* in company with other missionaries has been visiting several villages in the district which could not be reached before. This has been made possible because of the ''jeep'' given for such work and which has proved itself equal to most of the difficult roads of this ''jungly'' field. *Miss Margaret Kennedy* is teaching the Bhil women to use the loom which she took out with her when she returned to India in 1947. Both Miss Kennedy and *Miss Ellen Douglas* report good work being done by the Indian pastors and an increasing interest in the Gospel story wherever it is told. *Miss Beatrice Scott* sailed from Montreal on Sunday, September 26th and is eagerly looking forward to resuming her work.

In closing Mrs. Pae said: ''We are all thinking very often of the representatives of our Church, Miss Laura K. Pelton and the Rev.

James Munro, now on their way to visit our Overseas fields. Let us pray together for them as they represent us and the members of our Church in these lands. Our Heavenly Father, Who art present in Thy power in every place, preserve, we beseech Thee, these our representatives as they travel. Surround them with Thy love and care; protect them from danger and bring them safely to their journey's end. Grant to each one of us a greater sense of the responsibility that is ours in this mission; may we not fail to 'hold up their hands' as they endeavour to bring new life, courage and help to our fellow Christians and to our missionaries in the lands to which they go. May we all together find in Thee our 'unfailing strength'. We ask all in the name of Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. Amen.''

STATEMENTS FROM MISSIONARIES

Following her statement Mrs. Pae introduced Miss Sherrick, Miss Ellen Anderson and Miss Ramsay who then spoke of their work to the Council.

Miss Mary Sherrick told of the work in Amkhut, India, and of the educational work in the Bhil Field outlining some of the things that it is hoped may be accomplished.

Miss Sherrick pointed out that the educational work is not organized in the same way in India as it is in Canada. In our Bhil Field teaching is done to the sixth class, which corresponds to grade eight or High School entrance in Canada. On that field there is the central school in Amkhut and three or four village schools. The village schools teach up to grade three, their graduates are then sent to the school in Amkhut where an endeavour is made to have all complete at least grade four, which is considered necessary that a person may be permanently literate. Those who complete grade six are sent on to other schools. Standards are going up in India and it is desirable that as many as possible be given the opportunity to receive advanced education. There is difficulty in finding places where the graduates of our schools can receive teachers' training. Some of our graduates go away for Bible training, the boys to Jhansi and the girls to the Swedish Mission. Some go to the trade school in Rasalpura where they learn trades by means of which they can earn extra money in off seasons for farming operations. While some of the students leave the district some come back and give service to the Mission in return for what has been spent on them; they are attached to the Bhil country and that is where they want to work. Now all our workers are our own Bhil boys and girls who have come up through our schools and have been helped by the Mission in their training and are now serving the Mission.

Miss Sherrick said that as yet the Bhil country has felt little effect from the political changes but that changes will come and will have to be faced. Compulsory education will come and there are not nearly enough teachers in India to meet the need that will then arise. When that time comes a wonderful opportunity will be offered to Christian teachers and it will be difficult for Mission schools to hold them with the salaries they are able to pay, for the Government can offer much better salaries.

Miss Ellen Anderson told of the activities in Burn's Memorial Church in the city of Georgetown, British Guiana, where the same organizations are to be found as in the churches in Canada. A Session of very capable elders, totally spiritual, able to lead services and preach the sermon if the minister is absent, has the oversight of the congregation. An efficient Board of Managers carries on the business of the church. A Sunday School with a membership of over one hundred children, East Indian, Blacks, Chinese and white meets each Sabbath morning to study the same lessons as are studied in Canada. ''If you could visit our Sunday School you would see that children are just the same the world over,'' Miss Anderson said. A Young People's Society whose members have the same problems and ambitions as Canadian young people is a vital part of the Church life and those young people are taking charge of their own meetings and learning to serve others through groups which they lead in other parts of the city. A choir made up of members of the congregation leads in the service of praise. Women's groups meet to assist in the work of the congregation and are eager to have a share in carrying the Gospel message to others.

Having described the work in the city Miss Anderson told of the work being carried on outside the city among the men, women and children on the estates where the need is great and the doors of opportunity open.

Miss Anderson paid tribute to our capable deaconess in Demerara, Miss Helena Singh, the daughter of the senior elder. Miss Singh ably assists in the teaching of Bible in the schools and is never too busy to give aid to the many who seek her help.

In closing Miss Anderson expressed appreciation of Miss Pelton's visit to British Guiana and her thanks for the equipment such as the new car, the portable organ, the lantern, screen and slides given to assist in the work there. She said she was eager to return to British

Guiana to use this equipment and especially eager to return "because of the need of the people who are still awaiting the touch of the Master's hand."

Miss Margaret Ramsay, also from British Guiana, told of the work in the country districts in that land. She told of the missionary's approach to the people and the approach the people make to them because the boys and girls in the Mission Schools tell their parents what they learn at school. The children's question "May we take you to our home to-day?" often leads to group meetings of mothers who love to have the Bible read and explained to them.

It is hoped that the day will soon come when the women will be able to read and study the Bible but at the present time many are still illiterate. Miss Ramsay explained how an experiment had been made in using the Laubach method with success, and that it was hoped that books, suitable for British Guiana, would soon be available, that the literacy campaign might go forward. As the women are very busy in the fields during several seasons in the year, it is difficult to find time for study but in spite of obstacles efforts will be made both to teach and to learn that the Bible may be an open Book for the women in our field in British Guiana.

National Work

MRS. A. B. CRUICKSHANK directed the presentation of the National work and introduced the workers in that department who were present.

Miss Frieda E. Matthews, National Executive Secretary, gave a bird's eye view of our work in Canada. Two deaconesses are serving in British Columbia, in the Presbytery of Kootenay and the Presbytery of Kamloops-Okanagan; one in Saskatchewan as Secretary to the Superintendent of Western missions; and five in Ontario. Two deaconesses in training were appointed for the summer months—one to the Presbytery of Prince Albert in Saskatchewan and the other to assist Miss Ruby Walker, Regional secretary.

Other deaconesses are serving in special types of work—one in port work in Montreal and Quebec; two in children's work in Vancouver; one in children's work in Portage la Prairie, Manitoba, and one in children's work in Tyndale House, Montreal. Two graduate deaconesses are engaged in carrying on work amongst the Chinese in Canada. Our Chinese work is centred chiefly in Victoria, Vancouver, Toronto, Montreal and in Ottawa.

Regional secretaries, under the direction of the Organizations Committee, are doing much to strengthen the work of our Church and our Society in the Western provinces.

In the two Indian Residential Schools, the Cecilia Jeffrey at Kenora, and the Birtle School, Birtle, Manitoba, a wonderful opportunity is before us. Besides following the regular school course practical training is given in crafts and arts so that these children may be better equipped for their life on the reserves. Three pupils from each school are attending High School this year. Each day religious instruction is given to the pupils and on Sundays Church services and Sunday School are conducted in the schools. A grant is given towards the maintenance and fuel of the Mistawasis Day School, which is under the Board of Missions.

Grants have been given to assist in the work now being carried on at the Weirdale Centre, Carragana dormitory, and for the establishing of a library of recordings for radio broadcasting in the West. Grants have also been given this year for the purchase of a camp site in British Columbia and for equipment for camps in other provinces.

Miss Matthews stressed the need for more trained workers and asked that the National work be remembered in prayer.

REGIONAL WORK

Miss Ruby Walker told of her work as Regional Secretary for Saskatchewan and Manitoba Synodicals and described some of her duties. The Regional Secretary is interested in all branches of the Church's work, and most of her work is organizing or re-organizing work. She also visits groups in isolated districts. Miss Walker represents the Church on inter-Church committees. She told of her visits to Indian schools and reserves. She said that there is a wonderful spirit in the West at the present time, and asked for prayer for her work.

Miss Athalie Read told of her experience as Regional Secretary in Alberta Synodical. During the past summer she had been in the Peace River district. She spoke of the advancement in the Church that has taken place in the Peace River country. Within the last year the Presbytery of Peace River had been formed. She told of the broadcasts of the Presbyterian Church service every Sunday during the summer months, at 7.00 p.m. from Dawson Creek. Polio had prevented her conducting Vacation Bible Schools but she had met the people. Around Dixonville, Wanham, Blueberry Mountain and at

Grande Prairie lie great opportunities for The Presbyterian Church in Canada.

Miss Grace Lee from the Chinese Mission in Victoria told the Council members the story of her life and thanked them for the opportunity of attending a mission school in China, the Principal of which (Miss Agnes Dulmage) had been sent to China by the Women's Missionary Society. There Miss Lee came to know the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Later she returned to Canada and has been working in our Chinese mission in Victoria for the past seventeen years. Miss Lee spoke of the Chinese work in Victoria and Vancouver.

Mrs. Gillespie, Mrs. Fesenko and Mrs. Steinmetz were also introduced to the Council.

Mrs. McLennan introduced Miss Grace Mackay of Saskatoon, recently appointed Regional Secretary.

CANDIDATES

Mrs. A. R. McMurrich reported three appointments since her annual report was written, that of Miss Margaret MacKenzie, graduate deaconess, to the staff of Tyndale House, Montreal, especially for children's work, and of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Ross as Principal and Matron of the Cecilia Jeffrey Indian Residential School, Kenora, Ont.

She referred briefly to the disappointment that there was no new missionary at the moment proceeding overseas but explained that several applications are under consideration from which appointments will be made when the required training has been completed, and pending the report of the overseas deputation as to priority of needs. The most urgent needs at present are for a teacher, qualified to teach English, for the Tamsui Girls' School, Formosa, and for young women who have trained at the Institute of Child Study to engage in nursery school work.

Mrs. McMurrich said that the manual of the Society which had not been revised since 1935 requires to be practically rewritten and brought up to date. In stressing the *privilege of service* she quoted from the manual, "To no higher calling can a young woman give herself than to the carrying of the message of God's love in Jesus Christ to those who know it not"—and speaking of the new requirements that an applicant should have a University degree, or its equivalent, she explained that this is not only that the one applying should have the very best possible education herself, but that she should have the well-trained mind that can impart its knowledge to others. Every day new needs arise in which special aptitudes and talents can be fitted into the pattern of missionary training provided they are concentrated on and consecrated to the primary desire to teach the Word of God, and seek the salvation of men.

ST. MARGARET'S GIRLS' CENTRE

Mrs. McMurrich reported that Mrs. Inkster had consented to be the co-convener of the St. Margaret's Committee, and that as it was felt it would be advisable to give more publicity to the aims and purposes of this valuable type of work that a small mimeographed leaflet should be issued giving general information. She introduced the superintendent, Mrs. J. McPhee, who gave an interesting account of the different girls who had been in residence and who looked upon St. Margaret's as their home. She also explained the requirements for admission and spoke of the many evidences of improvement in behaviour, in school results and in the health and happiness of the group and outlined the plans and hopes for the coming year.

SUPPLY DEPARTMENT

Miss Frieda E. Matthews outlining the work of the Supply Department stressed the great need and also the wide variety of work being done. Bales of clothing had been sent to the Indian Reserves; Christmas gifts had gone to the Indians, the Chinese in Canada, St. Margaret's Girls' Centre and Weston Sanitarium; supplies and equipment to Westminster, Sylvan Lake and Lancaster Camps.

Money given for supplies was used to buy clothing for the pupils in the Indian Schools, furnishings for St. Margaret's Girls' Centre, equipment for nursery schools, study books and materials for Daily Vacation Bible Schools and supplies for the Chinese kindergartens.

Missionaries returning to their fields had taken supplies with them to Formosa, India and British Guiana. Through the co-operation of Toronto Presbyterial, the Red Cross Society and the Canadian Aid to China, quilts and babies' clothes were recently sent to China.

Miss Matthews told of the request for supplies for the port worker in Montreal that she might have gifts for children and extra clothing to give to displaced persons coming to Canada. She explained that there was still need for socks, sweaters, scarves, etc., particularly for the Indian Schools so that those who liked to sew and knit had ample opportunity to serve in this way but that supplies should only be sent upon request and to the worker whose name is given.

CANADIAN RELIEF ABROAD

Mrs. Keefer spoke of the Canadian Relief Abroad project which had been organized by the Protestant Churches and would continue for a period of five years. Relief depots had been opened in cities across Canada and 250 tons of clothing have already been shipped overseas. Money is badly needed to pay the shipping charges on the clothing being sent.

AUXILIARIES

In leading the discussion on the place of the Auxiliary in the Society, Mrs. W. A. McLennan, Corresponding Secretary, pointed out that the Auxiliary is the heart of the work, the Auxiliary is the heart of the Society. Without Auxiliaries there would be no Society; hence their importance.

Why is the Auxiliary the heart?

1. Because it is the Auxiliary members who support the work. Without Auxiliaries there would be no Presbyterial or Synodical. As your Auxiliaries go, so goes your Presbyterial, so goes the Society.
2. It is only the Auxiliary that can increase the membership of the Society, either active members or Home Helpers. The Home Helpers work is primarily Auxiliary work. The Presbyterial cannot gain the active members or the Home Helpers. Therefore, the Auxiliary needs an alert, tactful, prayerful Secretary — Home Helpers or Membership or both—whose job is, in season and out of season, to be on the lookout for new members.
3. Supply: the money for supply work comes from Auxiliaries, so do the material contributions. The Supply Secretary in the Auxiliary has a very definite responsibility to see that only the proper things are sent and to keep her Auxiliary informed about the needs.
4. *The Glad Tidings*: the *Glad Tidings* Secretary in the Auxiliary is really responsible for the subscriptions to the magazine. (See the September *Glad Tidings*).
5. The Welcome and Welfare Secretary, along with others, visits the strangers and reports all newcomers.
6. If the Auxiliary report is inaccurate, then so is the Presbyterial and Synodical report. If the Auxiliary report is *late*—the whole Society waits.

Having urged the duty of Auxiliaries to their Presbyterials, Mrs. McLennan also pointed out that there is a duty of Presbyterial to Auxiliary. Each Presbyterial Secretary should know her *duty* well enough to help an Auxiliary Secretary.

Duties of all officers: Each one should know her own job, and if she does not know, she should find out.

So many times one hears, ''I've been elected to so and so, but I don't know what to do and nobody has told me''.

In regard to Auxiliary meetings, Mrs. McLennan said: ''There is no excuse for any Auxiliary having an uninteresting programme if they use intelligently the information Miss Reith has gathered on the prepared theme and the plans for using it.

How many try them? Are they passed over as unworkable?''

In concluding her remarks Mrs. McLennan urged ''Be up to date; and you need to be on the watch to be up to date. Be sure of your information.

Finally—Let us all remember, we are an organization within the Church, seeking to be one of the instruments by which the Church shall be strengthened both at home and in the world.''

EVENING DEPARTMENT

Miss E. L. McClelland reported a number of groups having transferred to the Evening Department as of January 1948, the number now stands at 143 with all the known changes taken into account. By Synodicals from west to east they are as follows: British Columbia, 0; Alberta, 9; Saskatchewan, 7; Manitoba, 4; Hamilton and London, 54; Toronto and Kingston, 49; Montreal and Ottawa, 20.

We are pleased to note that from January 1947 to the present seven new groups have been organized, two of them having been reported during Council week. It was thought when this department was formed that there would be little opportunity for increase in numbers of Auxiliaries except through groups graduating from the Young Women's Department. It is very gratifying, therefore, that new groups can be and are being organized in the Evening Department age group.

As mentioned in the Annual Report, much of the confusion and delay in transferring to the Evening Department is due to the fact that many Presbyterials have no Evening Department Secretary—fifteen to be exact—while several others have compromised with one Secretary for the two Departments, still an unsatisfactory arrangement. We would point out that the formation of this Department was an order of Council.

When the Evening Department Conference was held in Toronto in 1947 a second conference was planned, to be held in Montreal in

1949. The Central Committee within Montreal Presbyterial has been making plans since that time, and all Evening Department personnel who can possibly make the trip are supposed to be saving their pennies for that event, or planning in the Auxiliaries to send a delegate. It is the planning and the organizing, as well as the attending of such gatherings which has played a great part in moulding the Department into a happy unit with a knowledge of the friendships, abilities and fellowship available there. As one secretary puts it, ''There is no better way to obtain new ideas and fresh inspiration than to attend a Conference of this sort''.

THE YOUNG WOMEN'S DEPARTMENT

Speaking for the Young Women's Department, Mrs. C. N. Johnston stressed the need for more readers of *The Glad Tidings* among the young women and pointed out that our Young Women's groups are not accepting their share of responsibility in raising funds for our work.

Four young women, Miss Betty Isbister, Miss June Cumming, Miss Lois Powrie and Miss Jean Rintoul spoke briefly on various aspects of missionary work. Mrs. Donald Sinclair outlined some of the needs of the Young Women's Department to-day such as: a concentrated drive for new members and new groups; more leadership training such as can be done in camps and conferences; a deeper knowledge on the part of the young women of the basis of all our missionary work.

GIRLS' ORGANIZATIONS

Mrs. Keefer, introducing the work of the girls' department, told of the difficulty of getting groups to report and asked that the president of the senior Auxiliary co-operate in making sure that the group leader has reported her organization.

Greater co-operation was requested between the Presbyterial Secretaries and the individual groups. It was felt that in the case of securing leaders, the secretary might be in a position to work with the senior Auxiliaries and thus prevent many groups from having to disband.

Presbyterials were asked to co-operate as far as possible with the travelling secretaries. It is important that there be opportunities for the secretary to meet with the leaders to discuss their problems.

Offerings during the year had materially increased. A plan that is working well in some groups is that of setting aside at each meeting, one third of the offering for missions, one third for congregational work and one third for work in the community. Delegates were asked to urge better church attendance on the part of our girls and to stress that mid-week organizations and Sunday School do not take the place of church.

Elizabeth Plunkett of Woodbridge C.G.I.T. group and Marian Watt, of Riverdale, Toronto, told of the interests and work within their groups and of their studies. They said that C.G.I.T. gives experience which will help girls to become better leaders of the Church in future years. In C.G.I.T. one is able to gain a knowledge of missionary work and is able to have a share in this work.

Miss Margaret Webster asked for the support of evening and senior Auxiliary members in all phases of girls' work. She asked for interest in the girls themselves, for help for leaders, as one leader in every three is new each year. Senior Auxiliaries might purchase for the girls each year, a copy of the study. The study this year is to be *A New China.*

It is the responsibility of the senior Auxiliaries and the Presbyterial Girls' Organizations Secretary to try to organize more girls' groups within the Church. At present there are girls' groups in only about 25% of our congregations.

The girls' department must go on to greater things that more girls may be brought into the knowledge of Jesus Christ and into the service of His Church.

CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT

In presenting the needs and aims of the Children's Department Mrs. W. N. Ferguson asked each delegate to imagine that she was at home in her own living-room receiving a call from the Children's Secretary and that she was the only person in her town to hear about children's work. It would, therefore, be her responsibility to listen to the needs and plans, and to pass the information on to secretaries and leaders, and possible leaders.

Mrs. Ferguson explained that an arrangement had been made between our Society and the Board of Sabbath Schools and Young People's Societies, whereby Miss Macarthur will be working officially with the Church school as well as missionary organizations with the aim of bringing more closely together the Church school and the mid-week groups, namely Mission Bands and Explorers.

It is hoped that by the use of material suitable to the children's ages, by story-telling, drama, handwork, and creative activities, that all children in every congregation will receive missionary instruction.

The attention of the delegates was drawn to the Explorer Leadership Training correspondence course and leader's guide.

Leaders were urged not to expect too much from children, as they learn gradually in spiritual things as well as in day school work.

Mrs. Ferguson said that there was no need for children who were unable to attend regular Mission Band meetings to go without missionary training as there are available Home Helper packets containing hymns, prayers, stories and handwork, which Miss Macarthur has prepared.

Outlining the aims of the Children's Department, Mrs. Ferguson said: "We aim to impress on leaders and children that it is possible to do missionary work in home, church, school, and community as well as overseas.

"We aim to emphasize the need of each individual member of the Women's Missionary Society feeling her responsibility in interesting others in accepting responsibility, and in that way meeting the great need for leaders.

"We feel that the first aim of each Auxiliary should be to help build up and encourage the Children's Department."

In closing Mrs. Ferguson asked that each one present become an advertising agent for the Children's Department. She asked that each one go home to her own congregation and give to those doing children's work the hints, inspiration and encouragement she had received at the Council meetings; tell them of Miss Macarthur, our Children's Work Secretary; arrange for her to visit their district, or ask her to send helpful material to Bands in their congregation, not forgetting that she will help with Church schools as well as Mission Bands and Explorer groups; plan to have leaders from various churches meet for discussion or for leadership training; encourage leaders to go to inter-church conferences—"we get help from others and they get help from us"; encourage leaders to write for and try the Explorer's Correspondence course; draw their attention to the Children's page in *The Glad Tidings,* also other helpful articles on up-to-date news of our work.

HOME HELPERS

In presenting the report of the Home Helpers Department, the secretary Mrs. A. B. Cruickshank urged that Home Helpers be treated as members of the Auxiliary, which they are, and that they be encouraged to read *The Glad Tidings* and to contribute regularly through monthly envelopes or offering boxes as preferred.

THE GLAD TIDINGS

In presenting the statement from *The Glad Tidings* Department in regard to the subscriptions to date Miss Reith told of a slight increase in subscriptions over 1947 and mentioned particularly the increase made in the Synodical of Hamilton and London. The increase, however, is not sufficient to cover the rising cost of producing the magazine. The reasons for the increasing cost as outlined by the printer were given as in the October *Glad Tidings* and the need for greater effort in securing more subscriptions was emphasized.

LITERATURE

Reporting for the Literature Department Miss Reith told of the new departmental leaflets published since the beginning of 1948 namely: *The Mission Band Leader, The Press Secretary, The Supply Secretary* and the leaflet *A Call To Us.* Particular reference was made to the studies for Auxiliaries, Girls' and Children's Groups on *China* for 1948-49 and to the many available supplementary books on China to help make meetings more interesting and for private reading.

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The Editorial Committee feels that a special tribute to our Secretary of Publications is long past due. It is natural that in reporting to Council Miss Reith cannot stress her own important share in the work of the department, therefore, we should like to remind the members of the Society that we continually owe her a debt of gratitude. This is not only for her capability in managing the Publications Department, but for the leaflets, studies and books she has prepared and for her help in planning interesting programmes.

Miss Reith has a great talent for acquiring accurate information and writing about it in a fascinating way. Her literary gifts are recognized far beyond the bounds of our own denomination. Her new book *Enter China* is an outstanding example of fine missionary literature.

Miss Reith represents the Women's Missionary Society on the Missionary Education Committee of our own Church and in the wider field is a valued member of the Board of the Missionary Education Movement.

We gladly take this opportunity of expressing to Miss Reith our sincere appreciation.

—M. L. McMurrich on behalf of the Editorial Committee.

VISUAL EDUCATION

Miss Reith stressed the advantage of using posters and maps in presenting information on China. She told of increased interest in films and told of the four new films now available through the Visual Education Department—*My Name is Han* (China); *The Rich Young Ruler*; *The Unforgiving Debtor; The Synagogue.* Two new lantern slides sets have also been completed during the summer, one on the life of David Livingstone, the other a kodachrome set on Formosa. Suggestions for preparing suitable services of worship for use with the films and lantern slides are being prepared to accompany the sets and films.

Christian Literature

ON Tuesday evening, at the School of Missions, Mrs. Cherry introduced Dr. H. Y. Chang, for the past fourteen years Editor-in-Chief of *The Christian Farmer,* for which our Women's Missionary Society grant this year is $600. Dr. Chang is also head of the Literature Department of the Christian Rural Service Union; lectures at Yenching University; and is thoroughly conversant with all phases of the great need for Christian literature in China, particularly among the great masses of farm people, who can be such a potent power for good in the new China, if the right influences now are brought to bear among them. Dr. Chang told of how through the pages of *The Christian Farmer,* which has a circulation of many thousands in the widespread farming districts of China, with each copy read by at least fifteen people, the Christian message is given practical application to every phase of rural farm and home living; a determined effort is carried on to increase education and vocabulary by the introduction of fifty new characters in every issue; world affairs are discussed and interpreted from the Christian angle and the finest type of intelligent home life and thinking is encouraged. Instruction and help in modern methods of agriculture, and the stressing of Child Welfare and Home Hygiene are regular features.

Dr. Chang expressed his deep appreciation of the grants given each year by our Society, told of how sorely needed they are if *The Christian Farmer* is to continue, and asked for the continued support of our members in their prayers and in their givings. He told also of the Five-Year Plan for Rural literature in China, in which *The Christian Farmer* will play a vital part, stressing the fact that the Christian literature effort for the next five years should be centred upon the needs of the most neglected rural people in China — the farmers and their families. "Christianizing the life of the rural people will be the core of the Programme'', said Dr. Chang, ''and the betterment of life physically and spiritually its primary aim. A sense of community responsibility and world citizenship will be built up by means of increased books and periodicals to meet special needs, and authoritative instruction will be given in essential farming techniques, as well as in intellectual and religious needs.'' Using a series of maps, he showed how wonderfully *The Christian Farmer* has increased in circulation through the years, and in territory covered, despite the onslaught of Communism. Dr. Chang, himself, had twice been a prisoner of the Communists, and he asked for the prayers of our women that this new menace to Christianity in China might be controlled.

MISS MARGARET BROWN

At the Thursday morning session in place of her usual report on Christian Literature, which she asked the members to read carefully on page 63 of the Annual Report, Mrs. Cherry was privileged to introduce to the meeting Miss Margaret Brown of Shanghai, Secretary of the Christian Literature Society of China, and Editor of *The Women's Messenger; The People's Star,* and *Happy Childhood*—the magazines for the women and children of China for which a large part of our $700 grant is used. It was a thrilling story indeed which Miss Brown told of the difficulties and restrictions of the war years; the flight to Cheng-tu when driven out of Shanghai by the Japanese, who occupied the publications building for the balance of the war, five years later the difficult and trying trek back over the broken country to Shanghai, and the re-establishment and publishing again of these Christian magazines and books despite the terrific inflation, lack of paper and materials, and shortage of workers. ''Although all my colleagues but one,'' said Miss Brown, ''had been interned Prisoners-of-War, all are now repatriated, and have made incredible journeys to get back to this work they love, and know to be so important, more so now in this time of chaos and unbalance than ever before. The people of China are literally starving for Christian literature; Christians are constantly being driven out of the Communist-occupied areas by the thousands, and no Christian literature of any sort is permitted there. I am now thinking of the children of North China, for it is always the children who are war's first casualties. Yet it is from the lives of these children that China must be re-built. To get good Christian literature, with the real Christian message, to these children is more important than it has ever been.''

''All through the war,'' Miss Brown continued, ''*Happy Childhood* never ceased publication, and found its way even into the Internment

Camps. Now, subscriptions are coming in again in such numbers that we can scarcely handle them, and the magazine is sold also on the newsstands of Shanghai. Our children's magazine still goes on, and it is through these magazines for the women and children that the real Christian influence can make itself felt even to the far corners of China, where no missionary now can go. We are the largest Christian Publishing House in China—almost the only agency publishing Christian literature especially for the women and children of China. Our expenses are heavy and our responsibilities great. Yet, starting afresh only last January, we have wiped out our debt, reprinted 139 old books and published 30 new ones, as well as publishing regularly all our magazines. We are receiving wonderful support and gratitude from the Chinese Christians. There is still liberty under the National Government; still freedom to worship, and to propagate God's message of love and peace. That is not so in the Communist areas. There the Christians suffer real persecution. It is our privilege and responsibility to send out to them through the printed word the message of hope and the sure foundation of God's light and truth. It is this that your grants are helping us to do—without the help and remembrance of the women at home, we could not carry on. Isn't it wonderful that we can work together, in real partnership in this great task?''

INTERNATIONAL AND INTERDENOMINATIONAL

Miss MacMurchy called attention to her printed report and then introduced Mrs. B. C. Diltz who had attended in Geneva, Switzerland, as an authorized representative of the Women's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, the meetings of the 12th conference of the Women's International Union, the recognized women's organization attached to the Alliance of Reformed Churches.

Mrs. Diltz paid tribute to the ''heart-warming hospitality'' of the people of Geneva and gave a brief outline of the Conference showing how the whole was centred around the general theme, ''The Tapestry of the Kingdom'' and emphasizing the friendly, understanding and co-operative spirit that existed among the representatives from around the world.

The Conference particularly challenged the lay people to ''shoulder the work of the Church'', pointing out the need for studying and thinking and praying that the work might be done intelligently. ''We must open our Bibles and our minds. We must be able to challenge the world, not merely to meet the challenge of the world.'' The question presented to Christians ''What have we as Christians to give the world?'' was given the following answer—''The Cross—the symbol of our victorious faith. The open Bible—the food for our hungry souls.'' In conclusion Mrs. Diltz said—''These two must be offered until no man shall say 'Know the Lord' for all shall know Him.''

Business from the Council

(Recommendations from the Finance Committee, and the Council's decisions thereon are given after the Financial report, page 405).

ON Tuesday morning September 28th, 1948, Mrs. McLennan related the steps leading up to the presentation to the General Assembly in June 1948 of the revised Constitution of the Women's Missionary Society, pointing out that the Society is not now a Board of Assembly, but an organization within the Church, the Constitution of the Society to be approved by the General Assembly and to be subject to revision by that body at any time. No change in the Constitution is to be made without the approval of the Assembly. As the Constitution had already been passed by the General Assembly, Council was asked to express endorsation of the Constitution. It was therefore unanimously agreed that Council go on record as expressing its satisfaction, approval and endorsement of the Constitution as presented.

Part of the By-laws were presented on Tuesday morning; the remaining By-laws were left until another sederunt.

On Thursday evening discussion of the proposed By-laws was resumed and it was agreed that these By-laws as amended be endorsed by Council.

Agreed that the Constitution and By-laws be printed as soon as possible and that they also appear in next year's Annual Report; also agreed that a hand-book—''Duties of Officers''—be prepared and made available.

It was agreed that the Committee should add such By-laws as had been overlooked in this first draft.

For those who stay, dear Lord, we ask
The vision that exalts the task.
May toiling Marthas find it sweet
To sit with Mary at Thy feet.
Thy will be done on earth we pray
By those who go, and those who stay.—Selected

Report of the Recording Secretary

SINCE the meeting of the Council in 1947 till the end of September, 1948, the Council Executive has held twenty-three meetings, the regular days being the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 10.15 in the Board Room. The Sub-Executive, with Board powers for emergency matters between regular meetings, consists of the President, the first Vice-President, the Treasurer, the Corresponding Secretary, National and Overseas Executive Secretaries.

The recommendations of all other Committees (National, Overseas, Organization, Finance, Camp, St. Margaret's Girls' Centre, Literature, Editorial and Presidents' Committee) are brought before the Executive for their acceptance, or otherwise, before any action is taken.

Then, too, the Women's Missionary Society is represented by members of the Executive on Boards and Committees in connection with our own Church and other Churches. Some of these are the General Board of Missions, its Executive and Sub-Executives, Joint Candidates Committee, Joint Estimates Committee, Missionary Education Committee, Visual Education Committee, Budget and Stewardship Committee, Immigration Committee, Evangelism and Social Action, Advance for Christ, the Missionary and Deaconess Training School, Children's and Youth Committee of the Board of Sabbath Schools and Young People's Societies, the Presbyterian Student Fellowship, the Children's Work Committee of the Canadian Council of Churches, the National C.G.I.T. Committee, the Women's Inter-Church Council, the Inter-Church Committee on Missionary Education, the Canadian Overseas Missions Council, the Foreign Missions Conference, the Canadian School of Missions Council, the Joint Medical Board.

At the Foreign Missions Conference in March, Miss Pelton and Miss Matthews were the representatives. Miss Webster was invited by the Women's Inter-Church Council to be the representative at Seabury House, Greenwich, Massachusetts. Miss Helen Scott, Young Women's Secretary, attended the Quadrennial Conference of the Student Christian Movement and Student Volunteer Movement, held at Lawrence, Kansas, in December, and a grant was given to assist a student from the Presbyterian Student Fellowship to attend the Conference also.

In April the Executive very regretfully accepted the resignation of Mrs. J. A. McClure, Supply Secretary. Mrs. McClure had been a member of the Executive since 1933, coming first as Assistant Supply Secretary to the late Mrs. W. H. Fletcher. It is only after these months that a successor has been found in the person of Mrs. D. F. Hazell. We regret the inconvenience to the Synodical and Presbyterial Supply Secretaries caused by this interim, but feel sure that Mrs. Hazell will prove an efficient and capable Secretary.

In May Miss Helen Mackintosh tendered her resignation as Editor of *The Glad Tidings* to take effect September 15th. Most regretfully the resignation was accepted and the Secretary was asked to express to Miss Mackintosh appreciation of the excellence of her work in producing a magazine of which the Society was justly proud. A new Editor has been appointed in the person of Miss Mary Whale. Further reference will be found in an ensuing number of *The Glad Tidings*.

Miss Margaret Webster's resignation as Girls' Work Secretary was received by the Executive in September. Miss Webster, whose time and work is shared with the Board of Sabbath Schools and Young People's Societies, has been in her present position for seven years. She has been appointed Associate Secretary of the Department of Christian Education of the Canadian Council of Churches. Miss Webster is known and loved throughout our whole Church. Her enthusiasm, her good judgment and executive ability has had much to do with the success of the girls' work in the Church and with the camps in the several Synods.

After two years' experience with Regional Workers, it was agreed that hereafter the Regional Worker should be called Regional Secretary and that she and her work be directly under the Organization Committee of the Council Executive. Just recently Miss Grace Mackay of Saskatoon has been appointed as a Regional Secretary, so that with Miss Walker and Miss Read there are now three.

The Executive has given careful study to, and decided upon, the standards required and the training necessary for both overseas missionaries and national missionaries. A plan of medical benefits affecting all the Society's workers has also been agreed upon for those desiring such. This information will be issued in pamphlet form very soon and made available for those interested.

As the lease of our present offices would expire September 30th, the Executive had to consider the renewal of the lease or securing of other accommodation. After a very careful survey it was decided to renew the lease at the present location, 100 Adelaide St. W.

In accordance with the request of the Presbytery of Prince Albert that the building known as the Weirdale Nursing Home be made available to the Presbytery for use in connection with the Church, it was agreed that this be done with the proviso that if at any future time the Church did not use the building for Church purposes, it would revert to the Women's Missionary Society.

In the autumn of 1947 Miss Laura Pelton, Overseas Executive Secretary, visited the British Guiana mission field. The direct contact with the work and workers is of inestimable value, not only to the Executives at home, but is of great encouragement to the missionaries and the native Church. A joint visitation, arranged with the Board of Missions, to China, Formosa, Japan and India is just beginning. Miss Pelton and Rev. J. A. Munro left last week.

In loving remembrance we record the death of Mrs. W. M. Hall, President of the Synodical Society of Toronto and Kingston and a Vice-President of Council Executive; Miss Bertha Robson, a former missionary in India; Miss Margaret Wrong, Secretary for Christian Literature in Africa and in whose work we shared; Rev. Dr. J. B. Armour, Secretary of the British and Foreign Bible Society, the Very Rev. Dr. Robert Johnston, Chairman of the Board of Missions, and Dr. J. W. MacNamara, Secretary of the Board of Administration and a Clerk of Assembly. In the minutes are recorded the Society's tributes to these valiant souls. We are all the richer for the fellowship of such colleagues and the poorer for their passing.

Looking to a fuller integration of the work of the Women's Missionary Society with the general work of the Church as requested by the Administrative Needs Committee of the Assembly, it was agreed that the Young Women's Secretary and the Children's Work Secretary should work more closely in co-operation with the Board of Sabbath Schools and Young People's Societies. This has been agreed upon.

The Committee to study the revision of the Constitution of the Society continued its work and in May the Presidents of the seven Synodical Societies were asked to come to Toronto for a three day meeting of the full Executive for the consideration of the proposed Constitution and by-laws. At the meeting of the General Assembly in June, following the President's report, the Corresponding Secretary was given permission to present a supplemental report as follows:

''The Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, has functioned under the constitution approved by the Assembly in 1925 and in accord with that constitution, the Council Executive of the Society became a Board of the Church.

For some time we have been conscious of the anomaly of our position, therefore, to remedy the existing situation in the relationship of the Women's Missionary Society to the Courts of the Church, the

Council Executive, on behalf of the Women's Missionary Society, requests the venerable the General Assembly that we no longer be a Board of the Church, but rather that the Women's Missionary Society shall be an organization within the Church, the constitution of the Society to be approved by the General Assembly and to be subject to revision by that body at any time; no change in the constitution to be made without the approval of the Assembly.

In the constitution we are now submitting for the consideration of the General Assembly we have endeavoured to improve the relationship of our Society to other Boards and to the Courts of the Church.''

The Assembly thereupon appointed a committee to deal with the above petition and the revised constitution. The Committee named were: Mr. Clarence Pitts, Rev. Ross Cameron and Rev. J. A. Munro. The members of the Administrative Needs Committee present at Assembly also met with the Committee, also a small committee from the Council Executive.

At a later sederunt the Committee recommended that the petition of the Women's Missionary Society be granted and the constitution as amended by it be approved. The Assembly unanimously accepted the Committee's report.

At a later sederunt of this Council meeting the new constitution will be presented. It is now for the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) of the Presbyterian Church to prove again that it can be a worthy instrument in the further building of the Church in Canada and have a share in building that Church in this needy world, remembering our motto ''The World for Christ''.

—Beatrice McLennan, Recording Secretary.

Report of the Board of Trustees, 1947-48

IN the report of last year, the sale of Gower Point Camp site in British Columbia was reported. It is satisfactory to be able to report that a very suitable and convenient site has been purchased in place of the former property in British Columbia.

The payments for the Society's rented properties continue to be satisfactorily made.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Board of Trustees,

—Bessie MacMurchy, Chairman.

Prayer

O GOD, Who dost reveal something of Thy greatness in the wonders of the world about us and yet Who dost delight in the worship of Thy children, we bow before Thee now in reverence and adoration. Thou hast promised to be with those who seek to do Thy will; come now to dwell within us. Speak Thy peace to our restless souls. Banish our fear, our weariness, our questioning.

Humbly do we confess our failures. Forgive and correct us, we pray, O Lord. When our faith is small, reveal Thy Son to us; when our courage fails, bid us to go on; when our vision dims, show us again the work that we must do for Thee.

Heavenly Father, we thank Thee for Thy rich gift to us. For Thy greatest gift—Thy Son, our Saviour—we bless Thee. We rejoice in His living presence with us to-day. We thank Thee for His Church in whose work we may have a share. For all the provisions for our material needs we would give thanks and for the joys of daily living—for the laughter of little children, for the enthusiasm of youth, and for the love of friends.

We would pray for youth. Grant to little children a simple trust in Thee. Give to boys and girls a knowledge of Thy plan for Thy children, and the wisdom to follow in Thy ways. Call them to Thy service and the service of Thy Church.

For that Church, we pray. Grant to those who labour in distant places a knowledge of Thy grace which is sufficient for all their needs. Direct the ministers and missionaries who proclaim Thy Name in our own country that they may be faithful to their high calling. Bless all members of the Church that they may be living witnesses unto Thee. May Jesus Christ so be lifted up in the world to-day that all men may be drawn unto Him and all the earth may know His peace.

Bless us now as we bow before Thee. Speak to us Thy words of life. Touch us that we may live in Thee. Quicken us that we may serve Thee more faithfully.

In Jesus' Name we pray. Amen.

"Great duties are before us, and great songs,
And whether crowned or crownless when we fall,
It matters not, so God's good work be done."

A Growing Seed . . . The World Day of Prayer 1948

BY MRS. FRED J. VEALE, HAMILTON

EACH year we hear not only of more women of the churches joining in this hour of prayer, but it is also finding its way into hospitals, homes for the aged, jails, and other institutions. This growth of the World Day of Prayer observance is a very healthy sign. Every year, on the first Friday in Lent, women of communities all over the Christian world gather together to praise God and ask His guidance and grace in a non-denominational service conducted by the women themselves.

The service in Shang Tu, West China, was held in a small Baptist church, a very simple but very attractive Chinese building. Ten young women took part in the service, all former students of the Normal School, Women's College or Theological College. (See June *Glad Tidings,* page 249).

From Port Moody, British Columbia.—"I am sure all who attended the service felt blessed to be able to join in fellowship and prayer before the throne of grace, bringing our needs and asking His guidance. What a blessed privilege!"

At Montreal, in the Chinese Presbyterian Church, a beautiful service was conducted in the Chinese language.

In Lima, Peru, the English service was held at the Lima High School for Girls, and at the same hour a Spanish service was held in the Methodist church, presided over by "Mrs. Major" of the Salvation Army. The attendance reached a hundred, and the women were enthusiastic in giving attention and congregational responses.

Early in 1947 the German women, for the first time in years, prepared to observe again the World Day of Prayer. As soon as copies of the order of service arrived the translation was begun, then made ready for printing. A really worth-while international and interdenominational meeting was planned and the German women entered heart and soul into the observance of the Day. They have now established a precedent, which they will follow in the future, regardless of whether other nationalities are there to help them or not.

Each land makes its own decision as to where to apply its World Day of Prayer offerings. Canada, for example, gives mainly to agencies publishing Christian literature. Australian gifts go largely to the British and Foreign Bible Society. The Eskimos in Sitka sent their offerings for the under-privileged migrants in the United States. Papua sent its gifts to the earthquake sufferers in Chile. New South Wales contributed to famine relief in India and China. There were touching instances of self-sacrificing thought for others. God alone can measure the power of the prayer that rises to heaven each first Friday in Lent.

On February 13th, 1948, the World Day of Prayer programmes were used in over 2,000 Canadian gatherings. The total offering amounted to $21,554.64. Looking back to the year 1928, I find the offerings then were $1,040.24!

It will be an added comfort to our women to know that the Canadian contributions on the World Day of Prayer are used to good purpose and gratefully received. In his recent book, ''What Are the Churches Doing?'' John Foster says:—''We may see in our life-time five hundred million new readers. What shall they read? A large per cent. of these five hundred million will be Chinese. This then becomes a challenge to all societies producing and distributing Christian literature in China to meet this new opportunity with books, good books, Christian books.'' Miss Sue Weddell, secretary of the Foreign Missions Conference, writes: ''We are so grateful for these funds donated by the World Day of Prayer. I wish I could share with you all of the expressions of appreciation and gratitude that have come from the groups which receive these offerings. They depend heavily on the World Day of Prayer to help them meet their current budgets and the situation throughout most of the world has intensified both the urgent need for these enterprises and the cost of carrying them on. Those responsible for this work have had anxious hearts. . . . In their name we send our heartiest thanks to the church women of Canada and the United States. . . .''

From Japan: ''Our church will never forget those prompt measures your Women's Inter-Church Council took when the war was over, in sending to our people the Bibles to replace those destroyed during the war. To-day many hundreds of Bible study classes and groups have been organized in schools, factories, hospitals, offices, and farms. We are now eagerly looking forward to the coming of the Japanese Hymn Books as the gift for 1948.''

Mr. R. Birley, Educational Adviser in Germany, writes: ''Will you please convey to the Women's International Church Council of Canada our heartfelt gratitude for their splendid contribution to the re-education of German Youth. It is good to know that the Commonwealth is with us in our endeavour to give German boys and girls the opportunity to appreciate those values which the National Socialist Regime taught them to despise.''

LITERATURE PAGE

Miss Louise A. Reith

Let's Act Now!

''Calling All Christians to World-wide Advance''

''THIS book may be for you!'' is the opening sentence of chapter one of the book by Richard Terrill Baker entitled LET'S ACT NOW! A Call to *advance* is being sent out to all Christians but unless each one of us who professes to be Christian sees the need for advance and determines to advance only ''half steps'' will be taken ''where giant strides are needed.'' That is why this book may be for *you,* for it will help you to understand the need and see what you as an individual can do to help meet it.

Mr. Baker writes—''Without apology this book is going to be about religion. I believe that the problems of our age are primarily religious. . . . It will be the purpose of this book to try to show some ways in which wayward men can wait upon the Lord and find the strength that's needed for the days ahead.''

Have you ever criticized the church as an organization? Read chapter two of LET'S ACT NOW! Do you want a satisfying answer to the question ''What is the World Church?'' You will find it in chapter three. Chapter four tells you that ''If you will lend a hand the Church will lead the way'' for that chapter is a ''briefing on the scheduled advance that to-day's Christians are promising to-morrow's world.'' Chapters five, six and seven show us how the Christian Church can bring a ''fuller life'' to people of all lands through the combining of evangelistic effort with medical, educational, agricultural and industrial missions. Chapter eight has as its title the one word—''Why?'' The author says, ''There's a single, one-word answer to that question: salvation. If you think that's a rather threadbare word, let's put it another way. The Christian Church takes its place on the frontiers of a better world for one all-embracing reason—to open a way for the mind and spirit of God to come on earth as it is in heaven.''

LET'S ACT NOW! is for every one of us. In its pages we will find some suggestions of what Christian faith is in terms of both belief and action. We will be summoned to the colours to take part in the offensive. ''But'', Mr. Baker concludes, ''no one needs to be afraid. The ground is sure. The leadership is from God himself. The line is moving. And through a narrow pass the spires of the new and better world are already appearing through the mist.''

YOUNG WOMEN

Mrs. C. N. Johnston, ***Secretary***

HAVE you noticed the front cover of this copy of your *Glad Tidings* "The Council Number"? Do you realize that here within its pages is a review of the work of the Women's Missionary Society? Here you will find the most up-to-date information from all the departments and most important of all "the plans for the future".

Why not discuss this annual Council Meeting that was held in Toronto, ask questions and really find out just what it was all about? "The Council" including its members and what they do should be as familiar to you as your own Auxiliary. So how about really learning something about these meetings?

Could we draw your attention to the fact, that the average individual offering to the General Fund from the Young Women is only $3.15 a year, or about 6½ cents a week? We feel sure if your Auxiliary treasurer were to ask each member to write on a slip of paper how much she would be willing to contribute in her weekly envelope, the total amount for the group would far exceed your present allocation. There is no doubt that your Presbyterial Young Women's Secretary will be writing to you about this matter, so why not be prepared to answer immediately the increase your Auxiliary would be willing to assume.

Space will not permit referring to all the other interesting facts that were discussed at the Council meeting but do read them.

Time to Renew The Glad Tidings

Now is the time to renew your subscriptions to *The Glad Tidings* for 1949 (see back cover for information regarding rates). Members are urged to give their subscriptions to the *Glad Tidings* Secretary in their Auxiliary that she may forward her order early to her Presbyterial *Glad Tidings* Secretary. Be sure all money orders or cheques are made payable to **The Editor** *of Glad Tidings.*

Should your *Glad Tidings* be late in arriving for the next few months we ask your patience as the hydro shortage in Ontario necessitates periodic cut-offs of power which result in unavoidable delays in printing.

GIRLS and LEADERS

Mrs. Harold Keefer, *Secretary*

ON this page this month I have been given the opportunity of saying farewell as Presbyterian Girls' Work Secretary to the girls and leaders of our girls' groups. As you know by now my resignation as Girls' Work Secretary of our Church, after seven happy and worthwhile years in that work, became effective on September 30th, and on October 1st I became Associate Secretary of the Department of Christian Education of the Canadian Council of Churches. Fortunately for me I shall still have a part in girls' work and shall have contact with most of you in this new position, for it involves, among other duties, the secretaryship of the National C.G.I.T. Committee and the National Girls' Work Committee.

Girls' work is, I am convinced, a most important part of the life of our Church. So worthwhile is it that it deserves the renewed effort of every girl, leader, and member of our Church. Perhaps this would be a good time to reconsider the purposes and nature of the work.

The girls' group should provide happy fellowship for the teen-age girls of the church. There is a place in the programme for recreation—games, singing, and informal periods of discussion. Successful recreation periods, like other parts of the meeting, will require good planning.

The programme of a girls' group, however, cannot be complete without some work and study. The local church to which the group belongs deserves support and help. There are many tasks that a group could do to help its church—such tasks as preparing equipment for the beginners' and primary departments of the Sunday School, placing flowers on the communion table each Sunday, procuring lists of sick and shut-ins from the minister and sending them an occasional greeting card or flowers or visiting them at special seasons of the year, and helping the minister with various tasks that teen-age girls would enjoy doing.

Besides the work of the local church the girls should learn to look abroad. Mission study should be an important part of the year's programme so that the members of the group may have a knowledge of the work of the Church in the world. This year our groups are joining with the other branches of the Church in a study of China. The study packet *A New China* contains complete plans for six meetings and is now available at $1.00. When a group has had an opportunity to study the needs of the Church it will want to have a share in missionary work and so will be ready to set aside some of its funds for this work. A group might well go beyond the regular mission study to discuss the need for workers and the way in which some of the group members might be able to take their places among the active workers of our Church.

Most important of all, of course, is the Christian influence of the group on each of its members and on other girls in the community. Bible study in the group and in Sunday School should help each member meet the problems of life. Quite often the girls might attend the Church services together. The periods of group worship should help each member realize the strength that comes from communion with God and should give to each member a desire for quiet periods of devotion each day. A deepening knowledge of God as revealed in Jesus Christ should be the experience of every girl as a result of her group life.

Whether you are a leader, a girl, or a friend of girls, ask yourself whether the girls' group in your church is measuring up to these standards of group life. If you feel that it is, may you go on to even greater things; if you feel that it is not, may you yourself realize a rededication to the cause of Christ and may you return to girls' group work with a resolve that your group may lift its vision to greater things.

When my successor has been appointed, I am sure that you will give to her the loyalty and encouragement that is so typical of our Presbyterian people. Thank you for your help through the past seven years. May God's richest blessing be upon the work among our girls and upon our Church as a whole through the challenging days that are ahead.

—Margaret Webster.

Changes for the Annual Report

Alberta Synodical Officers—Evening Department Secretary, Mrs. J. G. Moors, reported 1123-14th Ave. W., Calgary, should be **1223-14th Ave. W., Calgary.**

Hamilton Presbyterial, Niagara Falls, Drummond Hill, Agnes Wallis Alpha Auxiliary, reported under the Senior Auxiliaries is now transferred to the Evening Department.

Barrie Presbyterial—Girls' Organizations Secretary, Mrs. F. E. Boake, reported Penetanguishene, should be **Bracebridge.**

CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT

Mrs. W. N. Ferguson

With very deep regret the Council Executive has had to accept the resignation of the Children's Secretary, Mrs. W. N. Ferguson. For nearly six years Mrs. Ferguson has been a member of the Executive and has given unstintingly of her time and thought to the department for which she was responsible. She was a member of the National Children's Work Board and also of the Board of Sabbath Schools and Young People's Societies. In whatever place she served and whatever work she undertook she gave of her best.

—*Mrs. W. A. McLennan.*

DURING the past months many of our girls and boys have been hearing stories about the Bible and the way it has travelled into many countries. They have learned that the people to whom it has gone have been proud and happy to possess Bibles so that they could learn more and more of the "Good News" about God and Jesus Christ.

Many events recorded in the Bible took place on mountains or hills. How many mountains in the following "quiz" can leaders and children name without looking up the answers in the Bible?

1. Noah's ark "rested on the seventh month, on the seventeenth day of the month on the mountain of........................".

2. The burning bush which Moses saw was near to the mountain of........................

3. "The mountain of God" is mount————.

4. The ten commandments were given to Moses from the mountain of........................

5. Elijah confused the prophets of Baal, and proved that "The Lord he is God" at the mountain of........................

6. The mountain of........................is associated with the death of Moses.

7. The scene of several events in the life of Jesus was the mountain of........................near Jerusalem.

8. The mountain to which Jesus took Peter, James and John is called the mountain of........................

9. St. Paul spoke to a group of people from........................hill in Athens.

Answers to these questions are on page 439.

—*Lily M. Macarthur.*

THROUGH THE SOCIETY

BRITISH COLUMBIA

MRS. W. BARLOW, 149 W. 5TH ST.,
NORTH VANCOUVER, PRESS SECRETARY

VICTORIA Presbyterial—The Evening Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Church, Victoria, held a special open meeting in August when nearly two hundred people heard an address by Rev. C. A. Kircher, D.D., of Westminster Presbyterian Church, Sacramento, California, and saw coloured motion pictures of his recent around-the-world trip. In his lecture, Dr. Kircher stressed the great need of our world to-day—that of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Mrs. L. W. Johnson presided, the devotional period was taken by Miss Chrissie Diffin deaconess, and Mrs. George Cornelius sang ''The Silent Voice''.

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MRS. JAMES GIBB, 308 SOUTH MARKS ST.,
FORT WILLIAM, ONT., PRESS SECRETARY

BRANDON Presbyterial—On September 8th the semi-annual Executive meeting was held in First Church, Brandon. The president, Mrs. McLeod, presided and Mrs. Adamson conducted the devotions. At the close of the meeting members of the Presbytery, which was meeting the same day, joined with the ladies for a social half hour.

The Rolling River Reserve Auxiliary marked its 20th anniversary on August 25th. Over fifty Indian men and women were present also twenty-one guests from Lenore, Elphinstone and First Church, Brandon. Mrs. Adamson, a former member of the Council Executive, was one of the guests. A warm welcome was extended by the missionary, Mr. H. Crump, his wife and daughter. The president, Mrs. Crump, presided and the secretary, Mrs. Neil Wilson, read the minutes. Mrs. R. Hamlin brought greetings from Brandon and Mrs. H. B. Macdonald told the children a story. The Scripture passage was read by Mr. Crump and prayers were offered by Rev. J. D. Marnoch and Rev. W. J. Adamson. Mrs. J. A. Gray spoke of the significance of anniversaries to the individual Auxiliary member. At the close of the meeting the Indian people enjoyed their annual picnic with their friends. In September Mr. and Mrs. Crump celebrated their 42nd wedding anniversary.

HAMILTON AND LONDON

MRS. J. S. DOBBIE, 103-5TH ST. EAST,
OWEN SOUND, PRESS SECRETARY

BRUCE and Owen Sound Presbyterial—The 60th anniversary of the Hanna-Reith Auxiliary of the Women's Missionary Society of Knox Church, Tara, was observed on the afternoon of August 26th, with many visitors in attendance. Mrs. G. A. Robertson, first Vice-President, conducted the meeting in a capable way.

Miss Louise Reith, formerly of the Manse, Tara, now of Toronto, as guest speaker, told of the awakening to self-reliance of the Church in British Guiana and of the unparalleled opportunities for our Canadian Presbyterian Church in Formosa and in China.

A résumé of the Tara Auxiliary was read by Mrs. S. Byers and the candle-lit birthday cake was cut by Mrs. W. Collins, representing Mrs. J. Pieffer of Owen

Sound, a charter member of the Hanna-Reith Auxiliary.

Chatham Presbyterial — Miss Margaret Hackett, who served for 26 years as President and is still an active member, conducted the devotional period at the September meeting of St. Andrew's Auxiliary in Amherstburg.

''Our Commission in British Guiana, India and Formosa,'' was the topic at the September meeting of the Senior Auxiliary St. Andrew's, Windsor. Miss McConnell, on furlough from India, was a guest. ''Are we doing all we can for the people of the world?'' queried Mrs. Black, New Glasgow, speaking at the September meeting of Duart Auxiliary. She stressed the need of a Christian spirit toward all nations.

Huron Presbyterial — The annual rally of the Presbyterial Society was held in Caven Church, Exeter, Tuesday, September 14th. Mrs. Gordon Bisset, president, spoke on ''Mary and Martha'' and ''The one thing needful'', as exemplified in the theme and text. Mrs. McDougall, Strathroy, spoke on ''Missionary work in your own congregation.'' She stressed the great influence for good that could be used by missionary-minded women and closed her inspiring address with these words, ''If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them.'' A short play showed the mistake of concentrating too much on money-making activities in the church and neglecting, ''The one thing needful.''

First Church Auxiliary, Seaforth, had as guest speaker at their August meeting Mrs. Hugh Jack, formerly Presbyterial President, but now residing in Sydney, Cape Breton Island. Mrs. Jack gave a vivid picture of her life on the Island during the past four years.

London Presbyterial — Miss Ruby Walker, regional secretary for Manitoba and Saskatchewan, speaking at the fall Thank-offering meeting at Dorchester, September 20th, impressed upon her hearers the need for greater determination in the task of carrying the Gospel to the uttermost parts of the earth.

A fall rally of London Presbyterial held in New St. James Church, London, presided over by Mrs. J. C. Davies, marked the opening of the season's activities. Rev. L. Borsay, Hungarian minister in the Delhi and Tillsonburg districts, was guest speaker.

Maitland Presbyterial — A special meeting marking the 60th anniversary of the Auxiliary and the 55th anniversary of the Mission Band of South Kinloss Church was held in August at the home of Mrs. D. L. MacKinnon. An account of the first Auxiliary meeting was read by Miss Annie MacKay, while Mrs. Dickie and Mrs. Collyer reviewed the work of the Mission Band down through the years.

Members of Whitechurch Mission Band were guests of the Langside Mission Band at their September meeting when their leader, Mrs. Farish Moffat, spoke on ''The Future of our Mission Band members''.

Sarnia Presbyterial — Mrs. W. E. Stauth was guest speaker at a sectional meeting held by the Elizabeth Telfer Auxiliary of Knox Church, Thedford, when guests were present from Aberarder, Wyoming, Forest, Watford and Warwick.

TORONTO AND KINGSTON

MRS. C. W. MCDONALD, 3983 BLOOR ST.,
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KINGSTON Presbyterial—The summer rally of the Kingston Presbyterial was held in the Presbyterian Church of the Redeemer in Deseronto on

September 1st. At the full executive meeting held in the morning arrangements were made for the annual meeting to be held in Belleville on January 17th and for the summer rally next year. The president, Mrs. D. L. Fleming, Belleville, presided. At the afternoon meeting Mrs. A. H. McCullough, Belleville, was in charge of the devotional service. Mrs. Glenn Thompson, Synodical President, brought greetings from the Synodical Society and gave an address on the theme ''Forward With Christ'', emphasizing that only by our Christian living, our Christian service, and our striving together to go forward, can we strengthen our Church and its missions. Mrs. E. Craig, Belleville, also gave an inspiring message on the subject of Christ's talk with Peter, ''Lovest Thou Me?''

MONTREAL AND OTTAWA

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MONTREAL Presbyterial—At a sectional meeting held at the Margaret Rogers Memorial Church, Lachute, representatives from Brownsburg and St. Andrew's East were present, as well as Miss Margaret Rowat, Presbyterial President, and other Presbyterial officers. Mrs. Robert Cairns presided and an address was given by Miss Margaret Ramsay, missionary on furlough from British Guiana. Miss Ramsay also addressed a largely attended sectional meeting held at Georgetown, at which Mrs. S. S. Pearce presided and Mrs. Ruddock led in the devotions. At an open Executive meeting of Montreal Presbyterial, Miss Ramsay spoke of the conditions prevailing in British Guiana and the evangelistic work being carried on there.

Ottawa Presbyterial — The season's activities in Ottawa Presbyterial commenced in September. Mrs. J. Logan-Vencta presided at the regular meeting and made encouraging comments on the splendid departmental reports presented. Mrs. F. R. Duminy, Treasurer, stated that slightly more than half of the allocation had been forwarded in June to the Synodical Treasurer. Basing her remarks on an address given by Mrs. D. Strachan, Toronto, Mrs. W. G. Brown, Knox Auxiliary, Ottawa, gave special emphasis to the work done in the West, by reference to personal experiences. She mentioned Residences, Summer Schools, camps, radio broadcasts, and the school at Mistawasis. Mrs. Walter Sherwood presided and Mrs. W. W. Gray with Mrs. William Eadie led in the worship service.

Goforth Mission Band, St. Giles Church, Ottawa, was asked to save coppers during the summer and the result was most gratifying—some members brought in over one hundred coppers each. This Mission Band also conducted the devotional exercises at the September meeting of St. Giles Auxiliary.

With the opening of their church building scheduled for October 17th, new organizations in St. Stephen's Church are taking definite form. In September leaders of the Mission Band, the Explorer Groups and the C.G.I.T. met at the church manse with Mrs. W. Fuller, Presbyterial Children's Secretary and Miss Isabel Hill, Presbyterial Girls' Organizations Secretary, to make plans for the future.

Presbyterian Canadian Girls in Training in Ottawa joined in a special church service held in McLeod United Church, September 26th. This deeply impressive service marked the opening of a campaign to stimulate interest in the C.G.I.T. programme in the district and to make possible the raising of funds to cover the cost of the new C.G.I.T. camp site at Long Lake in the Gatineau district. Senator Cairine Wilson, the guest speaker, took as her theme ‘‘The Canadian Girl and her Christian Witness in the World To-day’’. In the week following this service girls and leaders from Presbyterian churches in Ottawa took part in a radio broadcast of morning devotions, and in several other broadcasts portraying something of camp life and the C.G.I.T. programme.

Answers to the ‘‘quiz’’ on page 435.

1. Ararat. Gen. 8: 4. 2. Horeb. Ex. 3: 1. 3. Horeb. Ex. 3: 1, Ex. 4: 27. 4. Ex. 19: 20. Sinai. (Sinai and Horeb are the same mountain.) 5. Carmel. I Kings 18: 20. 6. Nebo and Pisgah, Deut. 34: 1, 5. 7. Mount of Olives or Olivet. Mark 13: 3, Luke 21: 37, Matt. 21: 1, Matt. 26: 30, John 8: 1. 8. Transfiguration. Matt. 17: 1, 2. 9. Mar’s Hill. Acts 17: 22.

Treasurer’s Statement

August and September, 1948

RECEIPTS:	
Birtle, Government Grant	$7,615.69
Cecilia Jeffrey, Government Grant	300.00
Missionaries’ Personal Account	319.80
Pension Rates Received from Workers	532.35
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Buena Vista Senior Girls’ Camp	3.40
Christopher Lake Girls’ Camp	11.85
Miss Oliver, Uxbridge, ‘‘Mrs. Dickson’s Work, Formosa’’	5.00
Mrs. Willard, Eyebrow, Saskatchewan, ‘‘Education of Students in India’’	125.00
Income Tax Received from Workers	337.94
Hospitalization Rates Received from Workers	49.00
Transferred from Legacy Fund, ‘‘Binder for Birtle School’’	452.65
Synodical Societies:	
Alberta	1,233.84
British Columbia	$ 200.00
British Columbia, Supplies	75.15
Manitoba	1,525.33
Manitoba, Supplies	210.75
Toronto and Kingston	7,600.00
Toronto and Kingston, Supplies	300.00
Montreal and Ottawa	2,980.00
Montreal and Ottawa, Supplies	247.50
Hamilton and London	1,300.00
Hamilton and London, Supplies	168.50
	$25,882.33

DISBURSEMENTS:

Indian Schools:	
Birtle, Government Grant	$2,978.06
Birtle	158.32
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Cecilia Jeffrey	185.32
Mistawasis	60.00
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Deaconesses	1,415.18
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Missionaries' Expenses	225.50
Formosa	1,930.00
China	1,705.30
India:	
Bhil Field	3,976.75
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British Guiana	1,853.41
Student	100.00
Port Work	118.20
Council Expenses	1,242.90
Income Tax Paid	334.44
	$35,341.59

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Legacy Fund—	
Estate of Florence Brown, ''Foreign Missions''	$100.00
''Home Missions''	100.00
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Interest	253.75
Pension Fund—	
Interest	254.25
Sustaining Fund—	
Interest	26.25
Special Fund—	
Interest	30.00
Peace Thanksgiving Fund—	
Interest	45.00
Mr. Chas. Johnson, ''Education of Young Woman''	100.00
	$959.25

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Legacy Fund—	
Binder for Birtle School	$452.65
Seed Drill, Cecilia Jeffrey School	200.00
Carragana Residence for Students, Saskatchewan	1,000.00
Peace Thanksgiving Fund—	
Miss Wilson, Music Course	50.00
Course for Miss Stringer	46.03
Bursaries for Girls in Helen Macdonald School, Jhansi, India	450.00
Special Fund—	
Miss L. K. Pelton, Overseas Trip	4,174.47
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And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

The Song of the Angels

Not to the mighty, to the wise or great,
Did God unroll the starry scroll of fate;
But simple shepherds, keeping watch by night,
Beheld the glory break on mortal sight;
And humble ears, attuned to lofty word,
The gracious "fear not!" rapturously heard,
Angelic prelude to the carol high
That swept with harmony the earth and sky.

Once, only once, that song to mortals came—
Divinest spark of music's heavenly flame;
But evermore the deepening echoes roll
In tender cadence through each humble soul;
And simple folk, while keeping watch by night
At duty's lowly shrine, with glorious light
Are flooded as of old from Bethlehem's sky,
And know that Christ, the Lord, is drawing nigh.

—Ella Gilbert Ives.

Editorial

At the Council Executive meeting on October 26th Mrs. J. M. Burnett was appointed to the office of Welcome and Welfare Secretary.

The Council Executive recently accepted with regret the resignation of Miss Winifred Munro. Although Miss Munro had been only a short time on the Executive the members appreciated the contribution she made to the work of the Society.

At the meeting on November 9th the Council Executive welcomed a new member, Mrs. Gordon Wallace, of Victoria Presbyterian Church.

During November and the early part of December Miss Lily Macarthur, Children's Work Secretary, is working with Miss Ruby Walker, Regional Secretary, in Superior and Winnipeg Presbyterials and in the city of Regina. On this trip Miss Macarthur has gone out for the first time as a representative of the Board of Sabbath Schools as well as of the Women's Missionary Society.

The sympathy of the members of the Society is extended to Miss Fay McTavish, our worker among the Chinese in Toronto, in the death of her mother the latter part of October.

Word has been received of the death in Ottawa of Miss Katherine Reid who will long be remembered by the Chinese people of that city. Miss Reid was ardently interested in the work being done by the Church among the Chinese people, especially in that among the women and children. She gave unsparingly of her time and took a great deal of responsibility. We owe much to Miss Reid for the voluntary service she gave so freely to this important part of our Church's work.

The members of the Women's Missionary Society will learn with regret of the illness of Miss Gertrude Rollo, our missionary nurse at Amkhut, India. Miss Rollo has been receiving treatment in the Jhansi City Hospital but hopes to return to her field the end of November. It is not expected that she will be able to resume full-time work until the beginning of the New Year.

The end of October brought word from Miss Beatrice Scott en route to India on board the *S.S. Norlago.* At time of writing Miss Scott was in Beirut and reported a "comfortable trip so far". She told of visiting the American Bible Society in Beirut, the city of Damascus and the Lebanon hills. It was expected that it would be another month at least before the ship would reach India.

Miss Hildur Hermanson, who has been home on furlough and during the last few months has served in Weirdale, Sask., expects to leave early in December for Formosa where she will resume her work in the Mackay Memorial Hospital.

The 1949 World Day of Prayer will be held on March 4th. The programme for that service will be printed in the January *Glad Tidings.*

Members will please note the increase in price of the Silver Membership Pins from $1.00 to $1.25.

Delegates to the Columbus Assembly

Among the Canadian Presbyterian delegates attending the Foreign Missions Assembly in Columbus, Ohio, in October were representatives of five Synodicals, Mrs. Robert Pollock, British Columbia; Mrs. W. S. Nairn, Manitoba; Mrs. D. Munro, Hamilton and London; Mrs. Glenn Thompson, Toronto and Kingston; Mrs. Harcourt Emra, Montreal and Ottawa.

No doubt those who have had this experience will want to share the information and inspiration they received with the members of the Presbyterials within their Synodicals.

New Director of Canadian School of Missions

The appointment of the Reverend Leland S. Albright, D.D., as the new Director of the Canadian School of Missions has been announced. Dr. Albright succeeds the Reverend T. W. Isherwood and will assume office not later than November 30th.

Dr. Albright brings to his new office a rich and exceptional experience. A Canadian by birth he was a Gold Medallist in Arts of the University of Toronto and in Theology of Victoria College. He has had experience in business, in Y.M.C.A., Student and Pastoral work and for a number of years served as an evangelist and educational missionary in Japan. He is the author of a number of publications.

For the past six years Dr. Albright has been Secretary of the International Missionary Council, which office has given him world-wide contacts and an intimate knowledge of the missionary enterprise in all its departments.

Koreans in Japan

A letter from Miss Pelton after her visit to Japan emphasizes the need for haste in sending our help to the Korean Christians.

"Our five days in Japan were intensely interesting. . . . We made contact with the Koreans in Tokyo, Kobe and Osaka. The plight of the Koreans in Japan is something to make your heart bleed and yet their spirit, their courage, their expectancy of the future make you gasp. They are an amazing people. One of the pastors of Osaka who heard we were to be in Kobe was at the station when we arrived. He invited us to go out to Osaka for the afternoon for 'the swinging of the beam' (the laying of the cornerstone) of their little new church. Of course we went. After the ceremony they had a modest feast and sitting on the floor we shared the simple fare with that happy little group of Korean Christians. . . . Every Korean with whom we talked asked, 'When is Dr. Young coming?' I wonder if anywhere in the world there is a servant more beloved by the people to whom he ministered."

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Men travel bravely by a thousand roads,
Some broad and lined with palaces, some steep
And hard and lonely, some that blindly twist
Through tangled jungles where there is no light;
And mostly they are travelled thoughtlessly.
But once a year an ancient question comes
To every traveller passing on his way,
A question that can stab and burn and bless:
"Is this the road that leads to Bethlehem?"

—Selected

Mrs. D. Inglis Grant

COUNCIL Executive would place on record its deep sense of loss in the death of Mrs. D. Inglis Grant, who passed away on Saturday, November 6th, 1948, and would pay loving tribute of respect, affection and thanksgiving to her memory. We are richer for her fellowship as a colleague and the poorer for her passing.

Mrs. Grant had a long record of service in the Women's Missionary Society, having held office in Auxiliary, Presbyterial and on Ontario Provincial Board.

Mrs. Grant became a member of Council Executive in 1922 and Candidates Secretary in 1923. She also was a Vice-President of the Society until her resignation in January 1942. Her ability, her judgment and her grasp of all the work of the Society and above all, her capacity for friendship, made her one of our most valued members.

It was as Candidates Secretary that Mrs. Grant made her greatest contribution. It would be hard to imagine anyone better fitted to fill such a position. She was meticulous in carrying out her duties, both as Convener of the Candidates Committee and in her relationship to the candidates. In large measure she possessed those qualities of kindness, tactfulness, good judgment and sympathy which made it possible for her to win the confidence and esteem of all who consulted her. Each candidate was of absorbing personal interest to her, and when through appointment to a field they passed into the hands of another Secretary, she always remained their friend. We have often heard how much her letters meant to the missionaries and a visit to her was a normal part of coming on furlough. Who can forget those happy and interesting occasions when she so graciously demonstrated the true meaning of hospitality, for her home was always at the disposal of her Committee, the candidates, students in training and missionaries. It was a rare privilege to be associated with one of such unwavering faith, and to have a share in such generous friendship. Truly she gave ''and counted not the cost,'' and the many who can testify to the influence of her life and example will be a lasting memorial to her.

Mrs. Grant was compelled on account of her health to relinquish the work she loved so well and those who knew her best know what a gap her going left and know too what a blank was left in her own life. Struggling heroically as she did against ill-health it was only her devotion to duty that for some time had held her to her task.

Now she is released from all those disabilities and has entered into the larger life and that company of ‘‘the Souls of the Righteous in the hand of God’’. She is at rest with Christ, which is far better.

‘‘The happy spirit has now winged its flight,
A fuller heavenly life has now begun;
It is good-night, we will not say goodbye,
But keep the lamp of faith clear burning bright,
Assured that in God’s keeping all is well,
And that the road, well-trodden, will be light.
It is good-night.’’

First Impressions of Formosa

IN a personal letter to Mrs. Strachan dated Tamsui, Taiwan, October 5th, 1948, Miss Pelton gives her first impressions of Formosa—‘‘At once and on the spot I fell completely in love with this beautiful spot of God’s creation. The view from our Tamsui house is to me one of the loveliest I have ever beheld from the porch of a home. The whole atmosphere here is one of restfulness and peace. It is difficult when one stands watching the sunset, or sits in the breeze after lunch as it plays about the face and shoulders, to realize that we live in a world of tensions, misunderstandings, insecurities bordering on chaos. It is equally difficult to realize that not long ago this little paradise of beauty and loveliness was on the front line of battle and the people lived in daily fear of what the next day would bring.

We arrived in Formosa on Sunday morning about nine o’clock. Mr. Dickson and Dorothy Douglas met us at the Air Port. Dorothy had the jeep so we rode into Taipeh zipping along the roads literally alive with pedestrians, rickshaws and paddy carts (cycle rickshaws) and, or so it appeared to us, missing everything we encountered by a hair’s breadth. The apparent disregard for men, women and children on foot or for cycles or rickshaws in the Orient leaves me breathless. After tea, a good rest, and lunch we were taken to the city hall where a mass meeting was held to welcome the ‘delegation’. A mass choir of one hundred and fifty were on the platform and there were from two thousand to two thousand five hundred people in the auditorium. It really was a thrill to look out at that great mass of eager faces assembled to worship with and to welcome their friends from the Church in Canada.’’

An Appreciation from the Yunnan Mission Committee

THE following extract from a letter from Dr. W. H. Clark, Kunming, Yunnan, China, refers to the legacy left by Dr. Jessie MacBean and sent forward by the Women's Missionary Society. The Society felt that Dr. MacBean would wish the legacy to be used to forward the work in this most needy place.

"The Yunnan Mission Committee at its meeting to-day expressed its appreciation on receiving word of the bequest being sent through the Canadian Women's Missionary Society, and asked that a letter of thanks be sent to you and to the Society. . . . We feel that it is only with the possibility of opening a new clinic for the Manchurian doctors in Shihping that we can make any specific request with regard to the use of Dr. MacBean's legacy. We are delighted that your Board is willing for it to be used in this way. The needs in Shihping are urgent, particularly as the Friends' Service Unit are, as of this month, closing down their emergency anti-malarial work. The gentry of the community have indicated that they will secure us a building gratis. However, the matter of equipment is most pressing. This legacy will mean the difference between opening in a modest fashion and doing nothing at all. Our regular budget would not possibly permit us to take this step. . . . I have just had word from Mr. Copland, and they at General Assembly headquarters are delighted at this assistance from your Society."

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"By remembering our kinship with all men,
By well-wishing, friendly speaking and kindly doing,
By cheering the downcast and adding sunshine to daylight,
By welcoming strangers (poor shepherds or wise men),
By keeping the music of the angels' song in this home,
God helping us every one to share the blessing of Jesus,
In whose name we keep Christmas."—Henry Van Dyke.

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A Call to All Supply Secretaries

OUR Supply Fund needs to be augmented greatly before the end of the financial year. Two hundred and fifty-six children in our Indian schools have to be outfitted for winter. This is our responsibility. We have assumed this responsibility and we must not fail to furnish the necessary funds. We are all fully aware of the rising cost of clothing and supplies and we must meet the additional cost. If all our Auxiliaries are aware of this need we feel confident that they will rise to this appeal and our obligations will be met.

Please forward any balance which you may have in your Supply Fund to your Presbyterial Treasurer. The money has been given for this purpose and should not be diverted to any other use.

These comparative figures will be self-explanatory.

Cost of supplies for 1947	$6,732.26
Cost of supplies for 1948 to October 31st ..	7,153.15
Supply money received for 1947	6,997.83
Supply money received to October 31st, 1948	4,587.36
Overdrawn	**$2,565.79**

To what extent can your Auxiliary help? Please give this your careful and prayerful consideration. We do not wish to finish this year with a deficit in the Supply Department.

—*Norma C. Hazell, Supply Secretary.*

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Orphaned Missions

WHEN the Committee of the International Missionary Council met at Oegstgeest, The Netherlands, in September 1948 very careful consideration was given to the matter of Orphaned Missions and Inter-Mission Aid. The following extracts are from the statement adopted by the Committee:

''Christian love in action met the calamity of missions in wartime faithfully and generously. The result—commonly called Orphaned Missions—was a demonstration of Christian solidarity and goodwill the significance of which can scarcely be exaggerated.

But the calamity is not ended. In fact, the peril increases. The International Missionary Council, meeting in Committee, after reviewing the situation enveloping the German missions (and, to a lesser extent, the Finnish and Norwegian missions), and the new crisis which has overtaken the Paris Mission, finds that the financial needs of Orphaned Missions are more severe and critical in this aftermath of war than during the actual conflict.

Despite most generous giving for missions by the German churches no immediate relief is possible from this source, for the recent currency reform has reduced by 90 per cent the funds of the German missions. Moreover, it is officially reported that as long as the German economy has to be subsidized by other countries, it will not be possible for funds to be sent out of Germany except for essential imports. Meantime, for other continental missions also, the securing of exchange and the transferring of funds becomes increasingly difficult. Inflation, particularly in the case of France, complicates the problem and makes its solution far more difficult. . . .

. . . In these circumstances the Committee accepts as imperative the need to extend and continue its Orphaned Missions Fund for another five years. It therefore resolves:

> ''To establish a continuing fund for inter-mission aid of at least $280,000 a year for the next five years, beginning January 1949.
>
> To call upon the Constituent Councils of the International Missionary Council to secure the most generous response possible from the Mission Boards and Churches within their membership.''

In view of the above facts it would seem imperative that our Society continue its contributions to Orphaned Missions. The Board is considering what action should be taken in this matter.

A Visit to St. Margaret's Girls' Centre, Toronto

ST. Margaret's welcomes one with the new look this fall for the house has been painted and its green and cream trim is very attractive. New faces greet one, for the former girls are suitably placed elsewhere—only one of last year's girls has returned. There are new curtains in the living-room, and a chintz-covered chair and a gay rug in the upstairs sitting-room, these last the gifts of the Evening Department. It was nice to visit and chat with the new girls at dinner which was delicious, pot roast, and vegetables out of their own garden and a spicy apple pudding, with lots of bread and butter and milk. The tables were attractively set and the two girls who had helped to prepare it waited on us. Others helped to clear away and wash up, then they all settled down to their homework. They often required Mrs. McPhee's help, and how willingly she gave it! The newest arrivals are two girls, twelve and fourteen years of age. Their mother has died, the father is not now able to provide a home for them and they do not wish to be separated. Two married sisters hope eventually to re-establish this family but with housing conditions as they are at present this is not possible. So for a time St. Margaret's will be their home.

To feed and clothe the girls is quite a problem in these days but the fees have not been raised as yet, though they do not meet all the expenses. Many of our readers have teen-age coats, dresses or sweaters in good condition, please remember St. Margaret's. Middies are also needed for now there are several girls going to C.G.I.T. We were very proud of the two who took first prize at Victoria Church last spring. One of our Toronto ministers visited Mrs. McPhee and the girls recently and brought a gift of fruit and vegetables from the Harvest Thanksgiving service at his own church. This was very much appreciated.

One of the evidences that St. Margaret's is accomplishing its purpose is that the girls who have gone elsewhere come back to spend evenings and call it "home". They still bring their problems to Mrs. McPhee and depend on her for advice and guidance. They would have liked to stay on but the accommodation being so limited it has proved unwise to have those who are now working and the school-age girls together and we feel that we should concentrate on the younger group. We are glad to know that in addition to her many other duties Mrs. McPhee is doing a good deal of speaking, for we feel that as our church people know and understand about the work at St. Margaret's they cannot help but be interested in it!

—Muriel L. McMurrich.

Vellore

"THE Christian Medical College at Vellore in South India is fast becoming the outstanding medical centre of India."

Opened in 1918 by Dr. Ida Scudder, pioneer medical missionary, as a centre where Indian women might be trained to minister to their own people, the college was known as The Missionary Medical College for Women. During the first twenty years of its existence 250 young women obtained the degree of L.M.P. (Licensed Medical Practitioner) and went out to serve in South India, North India, Burma, Ceylon, Malaya, East Africa and Arabia.

In 1938 the Government of Madras Presidency abolished the L.M.P. degree and required all medical students to take the full six-year course leading to B.M. (Bachelor of Medicine) and B.S. (Bachelor of Surgery) degrees which correspond to our M.D. degree. Vellore was unable to finance the necessary training for these higher degrees.

To meet the requirements seemed an impossible task but there was no thought of giving up the plan for the "healing" of India's women. Changes there would have to be. A University Commission of medical educationalists from all India visited Vellore. They recommended to the University of Madras that on the fulfilment of certain conditions the College be affiliated with the University for the first two years of the Bachelor of Medicine course; the situation to be reviewed again at the end of the two years. This plan did not prove to be entirely satisfactory and finally it was decided to make Vellore a college for both men and women. This called for a heavy financial outlay as new and enlarged buildings were required as well as a larger and more highly trained staff.

At once things began to happen. In India the Christian Medical Association set up a Christian Medical Council and a Joint Committee of the two Councils was formed. Committees for co-operation were set up in London and in New York to work with the Vellore Boards. The first request sent from India was for the maintenance of five senior members of staff in 1944. This was followed by other requests for funds to help in necessary expansions. Many of the Boards made grants for capital expenditure. In India the appeal was well received. Many members of the Association, both doctors and nurses, contributed liberally and some sacrificially, amounts equivalent to from one to four months' salary. But the chief concern in India was to find men with the necessary qualifications and experience to be appointed to the staff. The requirements called for higher Indian or

British qualifications and three years' experience in teaching students of the higher grade. In spite of the war, however, and we believe in answer to prayer such men were found; first an Indian Christian doctor, then an Australian missionary with ten years' experience in medical teaching; two English doctors—one with Indian experience and one from the United States who had taken a Canadian degree and had two years' experience while on furlough.

The unanimous choice of the Governing Board of Vellore and the Councils in India for the Principalship was Dr. Hilda Lazarus, a Christian Indian Doctor of high qualifications and experience in medical education. Dr. Lazarus was Principal of the Lady Hardinge Medical College for Women at Delhi and during the war served as a Viceroy's Commissioned Officer with the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel.

The goal toward which the Vellore Medical College is working and which now seems more nearly within its grasp is expressed in the following joint statement drawn up in India. ''On general principles as well as because of the rapidly changing conditions in India, we must have a college so strong and so distinctive in its contribution to the needs of India that its value cannot be questioned by any government or Medical Council of the future. The aim is not just to conform to the minimum standard required for University affiliation but to develop a college that can give a lead in lines that need emphasis, such as research, service in rural areas, the moral and spiritual basis of healthful living and also in the development of a quality of character and an attitude to the sick and suffering which would be unmistakably Christlike.''

Already research has been begun on a small scale. Land has been selected for the first rural unit where special attention will be given to the treatment of leprosy. Nearby will be a hospital for the treatment of nervous diseases.

Besides the women's surgical and obstetrical work and the regular nursing school the new college provides advanced training for nurses leading to the degree B.Sc. (Bachelor of Science in Nursing). The School of Nursing has been accepted by the University of Madras. The main hospital buildings cover 20 acres of land adjoining the bazaar, the centre of city activities. The Medical School is located four miles distant on the outskirts of the city. The 200 acres of land surrounding it allow for expansion. The college buildings are of native granite from the hills nearby. They are large and airy and have been constructed so that additions may be added when necessary.

As a Society we gave a grant of $2,000.00 to the capital account of this College and each year an additional amount of $500.00 is given towards its maintenance. In order to help still further in this great effort we have "loaned" one of our experienced nurses—Miss Bessie M. MacMurchy—to serve on the teaching staff.

In the minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Vellore Council, August 26-27, 1948, the following statement appeared:

"It was reported that through the generosity of the Canadian Presbyterian Mission making available to us the services of Miss MacMurchy from September 1948 to March 1949 it was possible to open a Sister Tutor Course on July 15, 1948. (The Sister Tutor Course prepares graduate nurses who have had two or more years' experience for teaching posts in schools of nursing.) Eight students from Co-operating Missions were admitted to this Course. Miss MacMurchy will help with the teaching of the Sister Tutor Course and also in the undergraduate course, thus making it possible for other members of staff to help with the Sister Tutor Course. It was Resolved—that the Council express its appreciation to the Canadian Presbyterian Mission for the loan of Miss MacMurchy who will be rendering invaluable help in the School of Nursing, thus enabling it to continue the Sister Tutor Course."

Almost 200 young women are enrolled in nursing and midwifery courses and when they complete the four-year course will receive the B.Sc. degree in nursing.

The hospital by means of its extension service of mobile units for rural work alleviates illness, teaches preventive medicine and provides practical training for the undergraduate doctors and nurses.

Ambulances go out on the roads weekly in every direction from the hospital to aid the ill and afflicted, who come in hundreds for miles on foot or in bullock carts to obtain relief.

When large numbers of refugees in the north of India needed medical aid, Vellore promptly sent two doctors and two nurses to help. At the request of the government the college, already overcrowded, welcomed a group of Hindu refugee women medical students from Lahore.

"To co-operate in the work of Vellore is to extend the training of doctors and nurses and to augment the service of the hospital and rural centres, to grasp new opportunities and to fulfil the command of the Great Physician."

—*Maydee F. Pae.*

Impressions of the Columbus Conference

By the Rev. G. D. Johnston, M.B.E., M.A.,
Chairman, General Board of Missions

THE Foreign Missions Conference of North America, which is a fact-finding and advisory organization with no executive power, held a missionary conference in Columbus during the month of October 1948, which was of outstanding interest to all concerned with the outreach of the Church throughout the world. Representatives were present from almost all the Protestant Churches in North America including a fair-sized Canadian delegation. Our own Church was well represented, in fact the best represented of any of the Canadian Churches. There were twenty-seven Canadian Presbyterians, some from the General Board of Missions, more from the various Presbyteries, and a fine group from the Women's Missionary Society. It was of significance that almost every Synod of the Church had a representative.

The entire Canadian delegation was accommodated in the Deshler-Wallick hotel in Columbus, which will doubtless be a fine hotel when the alterations now in progress are completed, but when the Conference was in session the lobby of the hotel was thronged with plasterers, electricians, carpenters, brick layers, and church folk, in happy confusion. The meetings were held in a large Convention Hall in easy walking distance of the hotel, with some two thousand six hundred delegates in attendance. In such a large convention general discussion was impossible but there was ample opportunity between sessions for an exchange of ideas with members of other Churches. During the Conference the Canadian delegation held one meeting in order to consolidate plans for regional missionary conferences in late October and early November, and the Presbyterian group held one private meeting to clarify our own thinking on certain issues which arose during the Conference.

The aim of the Conference was to bring before the delegates the present world situation as it affects the various mission areas in which the North American Churches are interested; to introduce to them representatives of the younger Churches; to challenge them with the urgency of the world's need.

While inevitably many impressions were left on the mind as the sessions of the conference proceeded, three gradually emerged as the outstanding contribution of those days. First that the missionary work, into which so much sacrifice and prayer has been poured by the people of North America during the last one hundred years, is now commencing to bear magnificent fruit; second that the greatest challenge before the Christian Church to-day is no longer a vague heathendom but the increasing pressure of active, militant Communism and third that in order to meet this challenge we must adapt our missionary work to succour not only the souls but also the bodies of men.

It is perhaps inevitable that one should sometimes wonder what the fruits of Christian Missions are. Are we actually achieving anything in the fields in which we labour? This question was magnificently answered at Columbus where speaker after speaker from the younger Churches came before the Conference. As we listened to these alert, highly intelligent, and deeply spiritual men and women telling what Christ has meant to them and is meaning to their people, a feeling of great humility came over the Conference; not pride in what the Church has accomplished, but shame that we have done so little. On the first evening, a little Japanese gentleman with a grave, wrinkled, face came forward and quietly introduced himself as the minister of a Christian church in Hiroshima. He was there when the bomb fell and by some miracle survived. He calmly related how in that terrible assault he had lost his wife and over half his congregation, and then went on to say, "We the Christians of Hiroshima have no bitterness in our hearts against our Christian brothers of the West". Could we say the same if the atom bomb had been dropped on Vancouver? Another evening a little woman called Lazarus came to the microphone, and told us that she was Principal of the Vellore Christian College in India. In clear, beautiful English she told of the great things Christ has done for India. It was no surprise after hearing her speak to learn that she is considered one of the most brilliant women alive in the world to-day. On yet another occasion a giant Zulu, Chief of an African Tribe, spoke to us with all the humour and unconscious pathos of his people. One thing he said will not soon be forgotten. "The white man", he said, "has many faces, one comes and says to my people 'Look up to God', but while we are looking up another white man comes and steals our land." These three examples, taken at random from many others, give some indication of the spiritual quality of these new Christians. One felt that if the day ever comes when the Church in the West goes down before the materialism and secularism of our time missionaries will not be wanting to re-evangelize the old lands. We may yet see the cross coming from the East to the West as in our time we have seen it go from the West to the East.

As the Conference proceeded and men and women from all over the world added their contributions another impression made itself apparent, and that was the challenge of Communism to the Christian Church. Everywhere the agents of this atheistic, anti-Christian philosophy are active. Everywhere they are playing on men's fears, men's hunger, men's hopelessness with their promises and their threats. Here again we see one of these periodic challenges thrown up by the forces of evil to the over-Lordship of Christ. This challenge is now so plain that it can no longer be ignored. This is not just a new system of economics, a new system of political control with which we are faced. It is that, and more, it is a new religion. Communism is a religion which inspires its followers with fanatical zeal and enthusiasm. For the Sovereignty of God it substitutes the supremacy of the State, for loyalty to Christ it substitutes fanatical allegiance to the party line. The old religions, with the possible exception of Islam, are growing steadily weaker, and in their place we see before us, not the vague chaos of heathendom, but the ordered, mechanical, pseudo-scientific product of Marxian Communism.

To meet this new challenge we must not only be prepared to send to the mission fields men and women who can preach the Gospel, but also those who can teach primitive people how to live; how to grow more crops and better crops; how to make the earth yield her increase. There are in the world to-day over four hundred million people who are either on or below the bare level of subsistence. For these folk Christ died and we, who have in our hands the knowledge of husbandry, of the arts and crafts, must share these things with our fellow Christians. If we do not show to them a better way of life physically as well as spiritually our position is greatly weakened as against the specious promises of the Communist. As one missionary put the matter at Columbus, "When a man is starving it is hard to talk to him about a God of Love."

Your delegation returned from Columbus feeling that we had enjoyed a rich experience, rejoicing in the power of God unto Salvation, and greatly encouraged by what we had heard and seen.

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"Stir me, O stir me, Lord, Thy heart was stirred
By love's intensest fire, till Thou didst give
Thine only Son, Thy best-loved One,
Even to the dreadful cross, that I might live;
Stir me to give myself so back to Thee
That Thou canst give Thyself again through me."

Why Missions?

The following is the closing part of the address "The Missionary Legacy to the Church Universal" delivered by the Reverend John A. Mackay, D.D., Chairman, International Missionary Council to the Assembly of the World Council of Churches, Amsterdam, August 1948.

"THERE are two basic reasons why the Christian Church should be a missionary Church. First, the Church's health requires that the Church be missionary. Secondly, the lordship of Jesus Christ demands that the Church be missionary.

(a) *The Church's health requires that the Church be missionary.* The Christian Church was designed by God to be a pilgrim Church. It is truest to its nature when it is a fellowship of Christians who live upon the Road, who move ever onward towards new frontiers, who seek a City beyond the horizons of present achievement. God did not intend His Church to lose its mobility and quench its missionary concern by an over-emphasis upon institutional life. Even Christian unity dare not be made an end in itself, for the harmonious functioning of the Body of Christ is for strenuous activity on behalf of Christ. Action is the very essence of the Church's life as combustion is the essence of flame. A great part of that action must consist in holy obedience to the will of Christ, moving outward and onward along the highways of the world to bring all peoples and every phase of their life and relations under the benign and sovereign sway of Jesus Christ.

Any failure on the Church's part to engage in missionary activity through an absorption in its own interests, through fear for its own safety, through a low hankering after ease and prestige and power, betrays Jesus Christ and leads inexorably to the disease and decrepitude of His Body. When the Christian community fails to be supremely a comradeship upon the missionary road, seeking to bring the world and all that it contains to the feet of Jesus Christ, it loses a sense of values and of common purpose. Dissension and party strife become rampant. The Divine Community succumbs to the allurements and temptations of the secular environment. Presently its spiritual life becomes sterile because its missionary ardour has become extinct.

Some other things, of course, are also needful for the Church's health. True theology, for example, and adequate organization, attention to questions of Faith and Order are indispensable if the Church is to have that clear spiritual vision and that efficient use of its powers which betoken health. By all means let the Church define its faith and be loyal to its creed. But Christian doctrine will serve the Church best and glorify God most when, lifted up like a torch, it lightens the road for apostolic feet, or when, shining like a sun, it serves to illumine for a confused and tragic generation the true meaning and goal of man's life. Organization, too, is necessary in the Church, and institutions must be created by the Church that the Church may do its work. But church order and church orders, ecclesiastical institutions and organizations of all kinds, will fulfil their highest function when they serve to equip the saints for the work of ministering, when all church members, the laity as well as the clergy, accept their obligation to be utterly Christian and strive to make Jesus Christ known, loved and obeyed wherever their influence extends.

(b) And now the final word. *The lordship of Jesus Christ demands that the Church be missionary.* Jesus Christ, the world's Saviour, summons His whole Church to missionary action. He bids His Church to bring all men everywhere to His living self for their spiritual redemption.

The chief need of mankind, whether in the hidden recesses of individual souls or over the whole range of human relationships, is redemptive love. That is the love which in the New Testament is called *agape* and which is marked by a passionate and tender concern for the needs, physical as well as spiritual, of other people. This love, which is the gift of Jesus Christ and the manifestation of His Spirit, invades human selfishness with a power that wins self-centred men and women, as persons and in groups, to find a new centre for their lives in the love and life of God. No other religion, save the Christian religion, has either magnified or practised this love, and the Christian Church has practised it all too little.

Amid the widespread and appalling misery which obtains to-day in vast areas of the world, Jesus Christ summons His Church to a world-wide ministry of succour. The historic missionary tradition which, following the example of Christ, has joined to the preaching of the Word the healing of the sick, the feeding of the hungry, the alleviation of human woe in every form, needs to-day to be intensified by all churches everywhere. Those churches in particular which have not suffered as other churches have suffered are specially called by Christ to this ministry of succour.

But no ministry of succour, however tenderly expressed and efficiently organized, will meet the needs of the human situation. When the world craves to know the meaning of salvation, and when millions have been disillusioned by devotions to false saviours, it is the time of all times for the Christian Church, by word and by deed, to interpret to passionate and despairing people that there is a Redeemer who can give true life to men and establish righteousness and judgment in the earth.

We cannot remind ourselves too often in an hour like this that the Head of the Church is the living Lord Jesus Christ. The Lord whom we adore, and who made us one in Himself, is Lord also of the cosmos and the sovereign ruler of history. The calm, joyous awareness that Jesus Christ is Lord should dominate and control our entire outlook as we face the human situation to-day.

Secular as well as religious writers begin to see in the lordship of Jesus Christ the one hope for mankind. One who has studied the history of civilization more exhaustively and with deeper insight than any other in our time, thus acclaims the only Figure known to the past who has redemptive relevancy for the present:

> *And now as we stand and gaze, with eyes fixed upon the further shore, a single figure rises from the flood and straightway fills the whole horizon. That is the Saviour, and 'He shall see of the travail of his soul and shall be satisfied'.*

A present-day poet puts these words into the mouth of the shepherds of Bethlehem, when they find the child in the manger, 'Oh here and now our endless journey starts'.

My brethren in Christ, this is He to whom we have all come; this is He also from whom we must all go forth. Jesus Christ the world Redeemer summons us, the representatives of His Church, to commit ourselves in holy unity to His missionary service. Our living Lord rises afresh out of the past before the eyes of our generation. From behind us and above us and beyond us He calls upon His Church, penitent for its failures and eager for fresh unity, to prove to all people that 'the Father has sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world'. Jesus Christ calls us to move forward together on a world front, to fulfil that missionary task which He died to make possible and lives to make actual. He calls us to-day, whatever our name or sign, to tighten the belt of truth about our loins and in holy comradeship to set our feet upon the road to the City of God. Let us pursue the journey together until at length we meet the Victor coming towards us from the other side, and the word is heard above the noise of battle: 'The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our God and of His Christ'."

Prayer

ALMIGHTY and Everlasting God, our Father, who in Thy great love and tender mercy didst give Thine only Son to be our Saviour, we bow before Thee now asking that Thou wouldst forgive our unworthiness, our ingratitude and our disobedience. Truly ''we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts'' and ''there is no health in us''.

As we think now of the Babe in the manger, of the message of the angels, of the wise men and of the shepherds, help us to take time to learn again the true meaning of Christmas. May we make room in our hearts and in our homes for the Christ-child.

We thank Thee for the Church and for all those whom Thou hast used throughout the years in building that Church. May we in this our day seek to build truly and may we be as faithful in our generation as they were in theirs. May the Light still shine forth from Thy House and the ''lamp of faith be carried still further across the earth''.

Make us kind in our dealings with each other and especially with those who come as strangers to this good land which Thou hast ''entrusted'' to us.

Hear us as we pray for all who in so many places in the world are in such dire need, men, women and little children who are cold, hungry, naked and utterly destitute. O, our Father, be Thou near to them. Open our hearts and our hands that we may share with them for indeed Thou hast ''dealt bountifully with us''. Use us, make us worthy servants of Thine and may we do our part to hasten the day when ''peace and goodwill'' will reign o'er all the world.

We would remember all throughout our Church and Society who are taking the duties of office. Bless them and draw them close to Thee who dost endow Thy servants with manifold gifts. May they at all times use these gifts for Thine honour and for the service of their fellowmen.

Reveal to us all a vision of what the world might be were it in complete submission to Thy Holy Spirit's power. Lift us into communion with Thee. Grant us courage and confidence and a love that embraces all peoples for Thy Name's sake. Draw all Thy great family together with an ever increasing sense of its ''common blood and destiny'' that peace may come on earth at last and men everywhere may own Thee Lord and King. Amen.

There's A Song in the Air

REV. C. RITCHIE BELL, B.D.

Moderator of the General Assembly
The Presbyterian Church in Canada

"THERE'S a song in the air!" It is incredibly enchanting, enthralling, captivating!

When dawned earth's greatest light
The birds sang all the night,
Earth's festal morning voicing.
From every feathered throat
Rang out the sweetest note,
To set the world rejoicing.

A note of joy is the Generosity of God.

Christmas is a season of gifts. It is a time of loving exchange of greetings, of the remembrance of absent friends, of the clasping of hands. Now the inspiration of all our giving and receiving lies in the deep generosity of God. "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given." The Nativity had a very definite redemptive purpose, "God so loved the world that He gave. . . ."

His generosity is manifested and blazed forth at Bethlehem. Round the world the gospel bells are ringing and hailing the newborn King. The full giving of God as He gave His only-begotten Son we shall never comprehend. But it is this Divine giving which shames us into generosity, redeems us from sordid selfishness and from a Scrooge-like contempt at abandoned spending and unrestrained merriment. The hilarious happiness of the Christmas season is experienced and expressed only by the heart which receives the Divine Gift, and through the abiding impression of superabundance tingles with the blessedness of giving. Thanks be unto God for His unspeakable gift! Let Christina Rossetti respond—

What can I give Him,
Poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd
I would bring a lamb;
If I were a wise man
I would do my part.
Yet what I can I give Him—
Give my heart.

A note of joy is the Peace of God.

The crowded caravans of Bethlehem were unaffected by the most stupendous fact of history. Only three groups had a glimmering of the issues—the shepherds, the Magi, and the Temple circle of the spiritually-minded who waited the consolation of Israel, such alone had ears for the song of the angelic choir—"Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, goodwill toward men." The manger in the stable of the inn contained the Prince of Peace. It is the supreme Christmas message for the weary world as the old year 1948 slowly dies. In our day there are still ominous rumours of war in spite of the arduous labours of the United Nations. There are national and international suspicions and fears. Security is sought in everything save the Prince of Peace.

Again, in our lesser circle of friends there are unforgivenesses and quarrels and unbrotherliness. How this life is scarred by petty friction, by schisms of spirit and chasms of counsel and fissures of feeling! Happiness is inhibited in an atmosphere of discord. Gladness is clouded when there is no community of heart. But at this season the old legend has it that no evil spirits can walk abroad. The ghosts of enmity are laid low. In the very name of humanity men draw nearer each other, but in the name of the Prince of Peace all hearts flow together. This majestic Prince of Peace has reconciled us to God and to one another. He is the Peace of God to the world. In my heart Jesus is the Peace of God which passeth all understanding.

So tune in on the highest—there is a song in the air! Listen to the largos of great love, the symphonies of peace, the overtures of goodwill, the serenades of unselfishness, the oratorios of unfaltering faith, the choruses of joy, the chants of dedication, the carols of Christmas.

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" 'Tis not enough that Christ was born
Beneath the star that shone,
And earth was set that blessed morn
Within a golden zone,
He must be born within the heart
Before he finds his throne,
And brings the day of love and good —
The reign of Christlike brotherhood."

—Selected.

LITERATURE PAGE

Miss Louise A. Reith

IN this closing month of 1948 it might be well for Auxiliaries to take stock of the books and other materials which they have on hand. Have you adequate supplies to assist the members in becoming better-informed; to make the programmes of your meetings more interesting, and to help everyone to be more aware of the great opportunity and responsibility confronting all professing Christians at this time?

First of all have you secured the suggested programme material ENTER CHINA, for Auxiliaries for 1948-49? Have you obtained extra copies to pass around among the Home Helper members that they may know what is being done at the meetings?

Have you added some of the new books on China, such as—LOOK AGAIN AT CHINA by Willis Lamott, CHINA—TWILIGHT OR DAWN by Frank W. Price, RISING THROUGH THE DUST by Archie R. Crouch, CHRISTIAN VOICES FROM CHINA, edited by Chester Miao, to your Auxiliary Library? Have you LET'S ACT NOW by Richard Terrill Baker on your bookshelf? If you have not an Auxiliary Library why not begin one with some of these books and see that they are passed around that as many as possible may have the opportunity of reading them? We are sure that when the members have read some of these books they will want to own copies of their own.

Have you a map of China to help the members to visualize the land upon which our thoughts are centred this study year?

Have you copies of CHRISTIAN WORLD FACTS 1949? Be sure to give everyone a chance to read this interesting digest of World Church News.

Once you begin to take stock you will think of other things you should have to carry on your work. Do not forget that the Auxiliary has a responsibility for the other groups of the Missionary Society Family in the congregation. Have the Children's Groups the materials they need—THE WATCH-GOAT BOY for six to eight-year-olds, DIKE AGAINST THE SEA for the nine to twelve-year-olds? Has the Girls' Group—A NEW CHINA? Has the leader of the Explorer's Group—THE EXPLORER GUIDE BOOK and READING GUIDE AND CORRESPONDENCE COURSE ON THE EXPLORER GUIDE BOOK? Has the leader of the Girls' Group—THE LEADER'S BOOK?

Has some group in your church taken the responsibility for seeing that the members of the congregation are given the opportunity of purchasing copies of THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CALENDAR 1949?

A Suggested Service of Dedication for Officers

Opening Sentence—Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.

In all thy ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct thy path. Proverbs 3: 5, 6.

Scripture Reading—1 Corinthians 13: 1-8 or The Apostles' Creed in unison.

Prayer—Blessed Lord lift up the light of Thy countenance upon us, we beseech Thee. Grant us in thought—faith, in word—worship, in deed—courage, and in life—service.

O Lord who hast said, "Behold I make all things new", prepare us now, we pray Thee, as in Thy name we take on special service in the work of our Society. Give us new hopes; a new heart and a right spirit; new views of our duty; a new love of our work and of our neighbours; new light to shine upon us more and more and new faithfulness in small things.

We thank Thee for our fellowship one with another. We thank Thee for any new understanding of Thy will and we pray Thee to strengthen us that we may live out the truths that we have learned. We pray Thee, O God, to make us the women Thou wouldst have us to be. Enable us to take our place in the great succession of those who have served Thee in the Church and in this Society.

We ask these things with the forgiveness of our sins, in the name and for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn 568—Lord of light, Whose name outshineth. Verses 1, 3, and 4. (To be read or sung.)

The Lord's Prayer

Benediction—Phil. 4: 7. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Amen.

Christmas Message

Christmas and another year. Our message to you this
blessed Christmastide is that peace which passeth
understanding, born of Christlikeness, abide in you.
To you — worker in the foreign field —
To you who labour in the home vineyard —
We send this Christmas message.
May joy and peace enter into your hearts.

—Selected.

AUXILIARIES

Mrs. W. A. McLennan and Miss E. L. McClelland

IT is again time to think of the Annual Report. Some Auxiliaries do not need to be reminded of this, but some do. The Auxiliary report is *very* important—if it is incorrect then the Presbyterial report is incorrect also, and so is the Synodical. If it is late, the whole Society waits. This year let us be *accurate,* and *on time.*

The report is the responsibility of the secretary of the Auxiliary—

1. She should report the membership. Last year a number of Auxiliaries did not do so.

2. She should consult with the other secretaries and the treasurer to make sure that all the information is correct. If it is not convenient to meet to do this then it could be done by telephone.

3. Names and addresses of officers should be plainly written.

4. Besides the report form to be sent to the Presbyterial Corresponding Secretary there should be a written report telling of the Auxiliary meetings, how they were made interesting, how new members were secured, what new features were tried, what the successes were and what the difficulties. In short it should be the story of the Auxiliary for the year.

World Day of Prayer 1949

The programme for the 1949 World Day of Prayer has been prepared by a Chinese woman and the Interdenominational Day of Prayer Committee in New York, and the theme is ''The Lord is Thy Keeper'' (Psalm 121: 5). The date is March 4, 1949. It is our aim that this World Day of Prayer may be observed in every community in Canada.—''Draw near to God and He will draw near to you.'' So stands the simple invitation, with its sure promise.

Let us seek to draw into this world-wide circle of prayer every woman and ''teen-age'' girl in our co-operating churches. Thus may we bring fruit unto His harvest.

Though Christ a thousand times
in Bethlehem be born,
If He's not born in thee, thy
soul is all forlorn.

—Selected.

YOUNG WOMEN

Mrs. C. N. Johnston, *Secretary*

AT the Council meeting of the Women's Missionary Society this year the Young Women's Department asked four young women interested in the missionary work of our Church to speak on various aspects of missions. Other young women may be interested in their experiences and ideas. The following are extracts from the talks which the girls gave.

How my interest in missions started and how it has grown.

"As a child in Sunday School I loved to hear the stories about missionaries who carried the Gospel to lands across the sea. I thought how wonderful it would be if some day I too could be a missionary. Then a few years ago, mainly through the influence of a Christian conference, I decided to devote my life to full-time Christian work. Since then my interest in missions has increased more and more and I have had an opportunity to read many books about great missionaries and have been inspired by their lives of sacrifice and devotion. I have met and talked with some of our missionaries and heard them tell of life on the various fields and how great is the need for workers. I have come to realize more and more that only through missions can men come to know the meaning of Christ's words 'Peace I leave with you; *my* peace I give unto you.' "

How I feel the Church can do a better job of interesting her people in missions.

"Missions should be the concern of all Christian people and not just of a group within the Church. What helps to make Missions a concern of all?

1. A special *Missions* Sunday in our churches monthly or quarterly.
2. Missionary-minded leaders and officers in the various organizations.
3. The distribution of missionary literature in our churches.
4. The use of good missionary films and slides, not only in "missionary groups" but in all organizations in our local churches."

Some of the difficulties we have in starting Young Women's groups.

"One of the main difficulties we encounter in starting young women's groups is that very few young women know anything of the work of our Women's Missionary Society. If the senior groups make sure that the younger women in our churches are informed about our work even when the younger women may not actually be in a group I feel that our difficulty would be greatly overcome. Then when a group could be formed it would help if one of the older women would assist the group at least for a while.''

My idea of an interesting missionary meeting.

''I would like to use as an example a meeting which I attended a short while ago. The worship service was responsive which helped to make each member feel that she was taking an active part in the worship. At this particular meeting we were fortunate to have a speaker who had a message and challenge for each one of us. While we had refreshments at the close of the meeting we discussed with the speaker some of the things which she had told us. When I can come from a meeting such as this one and feel that it has encouraged further effort on my part and created in my mind the impression that missionary work is of the greatest importance, then I feel the meeting has been worth while and interesting and it was good for me to have been there.''

—Helen N. Sinclair.

Mrs. Donald R. Sinclair

IT was with regret that the Council Executive accepted Mrs. Donald Sinclair's (née Helen N. Scott) resignation. Mrs. Sinclair first joined our staff as a regional worker and worked for a short time in Manitoba before coming to Toronto as Travelling Secretary for the Young Women's Department. It was at a very critical time that Mrs. Sinclair took up the work of this department. It was a time when we needed some one with initiative, personality and an understanding of young women. Mrs. Sinclair had these qualities and many more as the results of her work show. We sincerely appreciate our associations with Mrs. Sinclair and there is no doubt that the Young Women's Department has been strengthened and has grown under her diligent supervision.

Our loss is another's gain and we know Mrs. Sinclair, as a minister's wife will have a great contribution to make toward the work of our Church.

May God's richest blessing be upon Rev. and Mrs. Sinclair in their work.

—Agnes L. Johnston.

GIRLS AND LEADERS

Mrs. Harold Keefer, ***Secretary***

AS our thoughts turn to Christmas we think of the Infant Jesus; of the wise men bringing their gifts; of the lowly shepherds following the star that led them to the manger and we too are filled with the desire to do something in His Name. Perhaps more than at any other season of the year Christmas is the time when we forget ourselves and think of others. Groups want to ''do'' some worth while piece of work in the community. Happy indeed is the group member who awakens on Christmas morning knowing that she has done her best to make Christmas happier for some person who otherwise might have had little to cheer her on this special day.

Some of our groups prepare gifts for the sick and shut-in. Some dress and ''rejuvenate'' dolls and other good toys to give to sick children in hospital or sanatorium.

In your community there may be families which because of unfortunate circumstances need your help, and if so we urge you to start now to make Christmas a little brighter for them. If we neglect to do our share, someone may be forgotten. Let us do all we can to celebrate Christ's birthday as He would have us do.

If you have been ''budgeting'' your offerings as we suggested at the beginning of the year, you will be ready to send the last part of your donation for 1948 to the treasurer of your Presbyterial. Many times we have been told of the success of this system of dividing the offering *each week* into three parts; one third to be used for work within the congregation; one third to be used for work in the community—such as the Christmas project and the remaining third to be sent to the Presbyterial treasurer for missions. Those of you who have used this system this year will surely want to continue and we urge those groups who have not tried it yet, to do so next year.

Once again may we ask you to make sure you have sent in your annual report! Each year we hope that every group will be reported and each year we are disappointed because some one tucked the report form too neatly into a corner of her desk and did not find it until it was too late. We know leaders are busy people and perhaps you do not think reporting *your* group matters too much, but do not think that we are not interested in *your* group. We do want to know of your progress, and, if you have them, your difficulties—perhaps we can help you if you will let us. Please, fill in that report form; write an account of your group's work this year and mail it to the Girls' Organizations Secretary in your Presbyterial. May we wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

A Christmas Prayer

God bless
the little things
this Christmastide.
All the little
wild things
That live outside.

Little cold robins and
rabbits in the snow,
Give them good faring
and a warm place to go.

All little young things
for His sake who died,
Who was a Little Thing
at Christmastide. . . .

—*Margaret Murray*

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“There is no more beautiful music in the world than the music which centres about Christmas. Luke, especially, in his gospel sounds the note of praise. We have first the Song of Mary — the Magnificat, “My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.”

Then comes the song of the Angels, “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men,” and even before the Christmas star had died down Simeon sang, “Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word, for mine eyes have seen thy salvation.”

These songs represent something that Christmas brings — adoration and vision, proclamation and praise! They express a joy that can become one's personal possession; they strike the chord of rejoicing and hope for a weary and worrying world.”

—From “The Upper Room.”

CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT

Why Holly Has Red Berries

A Christmas Legend

DO you know why the holly has red berries? A long time ago, so the story goes, the trees heard a rumour that if a king should walk in their shade the first tree that should recognize him would become more beautiful than all the others. Now it happened that outside the little town of Nazareth there grew a forest of big cedars, firs, and oaks, and among them one little holly tree. One day a boy came out of the town and walked through the forest. Each of the big trees thought, ''He is looking at me''; but the little holly tree as it watched him forgot about itself. Many times the boy walked in the forest until the big trees became so accustomed to him that they gave him no attention. But the holly tree still watched him and said to itself, ''Surely if a king were to come he would not be so beautiful as this boy. He is always kind; the birds and the animals are not afraid of him. I wish he were my king; I should like to obey him.''

After a time the little boy no longer went to the forest. The holly tree missed him very much; but it thought about him and tried to be like him and do the things it believed he would want it to do. It was kind to the birds and the animals. It spread its branches so that the birds could build their nests in them. It made little houses down among its roots for the small animals. The other trees thought it was not worth noticing, but it kept sweet-tempered and did not quarrel with them.

The little boy grew to be a man and travelled about the country, telling people about God and how men might please God by loving one another. But one day wicked men took him and put a robe on him such as kings wear, and made a crown of thorny twigs and placed it on his head. Then they nailed him to a cross and over his head was placed a sign which read, ''The King.''

A wonderful change now came to the little holly tree growing just outside of Nazareth. Between its dark green leaves little red berries began to grow until it was arrayed in a royal robe of scarlet, because, you see, it was the first of the trees to recognize the King.

—Selected.

THROUGH THE SOCIETY

BRITISH COLUMBIA

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IT is with extreme regret that the Synodical records the passing of Mrs. D. B. Johnstone and Miss Fanny MacQueen, two former members of the Board, who will ever be remembered for their never failing faithfulness as they witnessed for Christ in the various tasks they undertook and accomplished in their local churches and in branches of the Society.

Mrs. D. B. Johnstone, from the time that Kamloops Presbyterial was organized, was one of the most active officers of that Presbyterial Executive and accepted responsibility also in her own Auxiliary. For nine years she was 4th vice-president of the Provincial Society. The last Provincial Annual Meeting she attended was in 1943. At that time she was the guest of Miss MacQueen.

Miss Fanny MacQueen was Corresponding Secretary of the Provincial from 1942 to 1944, and also served as Exchange Secretary. In Westminster Presbyterial she has held the office of Literature Secretary, Press Secretary and Exchange Secretary. Miss MacQueen was always an active Auxiliary member and was President of Central Afternoon Auxiliary in 1945 and 1946. Her interest extended beyond the senior groups to the young people and children. This was shown by her keen interest and activities in Sunday School and Mission Band. Truly Miss MacQueen was always busy about her Father's business.

We shall hold Mrs. Johnstone and Miss MacQueen in loving remembrance. Their works will live after them.

Victoria Presbyterial—A very successful rally was held in St. Andrew's Church, Victoria, when Mrs. M. C. Fuller, Presbyterial President, gave a very informative report of the annual Council Meeting. Members of the executive from Nanaimo were present and the meeting extended a vote of thanks to Mrs. Fuller for her message and report covering the year's activity of the Women's Missionary Society.

Mrs. M. C. Fuller just returned from the Council Meeting in Toronto took the devotional period at the Thank-offering meeting of St. Andrew's Auxiliary, Victoria. The soloist was Mrs. F. Griffin. In a brief outline, the president, Mrs. H. Warren, spoke of the Women's Missionary Society Family. The guest speaker Rev. J. L. W. McLean took for his subject ''One World''.

A large gathering assembled for the Thank-offering meeting of St. Andrew's Auxiliary, Nanaimo. Mrs. F. E. Adolph presided. An anthem was sung by members of the Junior Choir under the leadership of Miss D. Johnston. Mrs. D. Cook and Mrs. J. H. McCracken sang a duet. Mrs. F. McAvoy, the guest speaker, gave a thoughtful address on the work of the Christian missionary, dealing particularly with the motive and spirit of those who give their lives to the missionary endeavour. Rev. Francis McAvoy sang a solo.

Westminster Presbyterial—A Presbyterial Rally was held in Robertson Church on October 29th. Splendid reports of the Council Meeting held in

Toronto were given by Mrs. Robert Pollock and Mrs. F. W. Allott, who presented both the inspirational and practical phases of the Society's work at home and overseas. A duet by Mrs. W. J. Murdock and Mrs. Hornal, accompanied by Mrs. P. Heighton, was much enjoyed.

St. Stephen's Auxiliary, North Vancouver, held its annual fall Thankoffering meeting in the church recently. There was a good representation from each organization to hear the guest speaker Mrs. James Evans of West Point Grey, whose talk on India presented a clear picture of both the political and religious situation to-day, and pointed out the great challenge in that country to the Women's Missionary Society. Mrs. S. Mavor was soloist.

The Young Women's Auxiliary of the Chinese Church held an interesting meeting at which Mrs. Angus MacKay of the Jhansi Field told of work done in various parts of India. She expressed great hope for the missionary effort and the need for added supplies and much-needed personnel.

Reports from Mount Pleasant Auxiliary, Vancouver, show splendid preparation by members in Bible study and in the study of Hungarian, Italian and French work in Canada. Miss Helen Ross of the Children's Centre was a welcome speaker at one meeting. She made a plea for house-cleaning in our spiritual life taking as a subject ''Take My Life''. The Rev. F. G. St. Denis and Auxiliary members assisted in the service. The Rev. Arthur Leggett in charge of Ellis House addressed the meeting. His appeal to ''Think, and when you think, Thank'' made all conscious of the laxity in obedience to the command ''In every thing give thanks''.

ALBERTA

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CALGARY Presbyterial—The Executive of the Presbyterial started their fall work with a supper meeting in Grace Church. Mrs. R. J. Edgar, President, presided. Special guests were the Synodical Executive and members of the C.G.I.T. Miss Margaret McLagan gave a very enthusiastic and encouraging report of the C.G.I.T. camps, and of the special Labour Day Rally of young people.

Knox Church reports the organization of a new Evening Auxiliary. There were ten members present at the organization meeting, and there are a number of prospective members. This is a very promising group of young workers.

Miss Isabel McConnell, missionary nurse, from the Bhil Field, has been in the Calgary Presbyterial from October 10th to 20th. During that time she has addressed meetings at Cayley, Three Hills, and the various Auxiliaries in Calgary. On October 13th she addressed a well-attended rally in Knox Church, Calgary. She described the present days in India as being ''momentous'' ones. In an awakening country old ways and customs are found to be insufficient and the Church has a wonderful opportunity to help in building the new India. At the present time the first Governor of Bombay and his wife, and the Minister of Health are Christians.

Many thousands of Indian people are secretly reading the Bible, Miss McConnell said, and those who are Christians know their Bibles. The need for more workers was stressed and an appeal made to the young people to take an interest in the work in India and for all to pray for the Bhil Field and those working there.

Edmonton Presbyterial—The Presbyterial is very pleased to welcome Mrs. John Kelman, formerly president of Paris Presbyterial. Mrs. Kelman conducted the worship period at the October meeting. Miss Jean Lobb stressed the need for bringing our literature before Sabbath School teachers and friends. A discussion on Visual Education was led by Mrs. A. E. Davies, Secretary.

Miss Isabel McConnell of Jobat, India, who was introduced by Mrs. Kelman, addressed a mass meeting in First Church, Edmonton, at which the Rev. John Kelman was chairman. Miss McConnell vividly described the work being done and stressed the word of Malachi, ''Will a man rob God?'' All felt her sincerity and enthusiasm for her work. Her Indian costume added much to the enjoyment and deepened the impression she made upon a group of C.G.I.T. girls and members of Young Women's groups who were in attendance. Many will follow Miss McConnell's work more closely in the future because they have had personal contact with her. Gratitude is expressed to Council Executive for making this possible. Much greater interest for our work in India will result from her visit to this Presbyterial.

Killam Associate Society received a visit from the Presbyterial President, Mrs. C. Oscroft, and Miss McConnell. Mrs. James Grant, president, introduced Mrs. Oscroft who gave a brief word of appreciation and encouragement to the Auxiliary before introducing Miss McConnell. Miss McConnell held the attention of her varied audience, whose ages ranged from eleven to eighty-eight years. Mr. Walker, student minister, who came recently from Ireland, welcomed the visitors. Keen interest was shown in the many Indian exhibits on display.

SASKATCHEWAN

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Weyburn, Press Secretary

MOOSE Jaw Presbyterial—Miss Mary Sherrick was the guest speaker at the Fall Thank-offering meeting of Knox Church Auxiliary, Weyburn. With the aid of lantern slides she presented a memorable address on the Church's work in Amkhut, India. In speaking of the future, Miss Sherrick said that the presence of large numbers of Christians in posts of government and administration is a hopeful sign and expressed confidence that the missionaries will be invited to remain and to work in the new India.

Regina Presbyterial—The senior Auxiliary of First Church, Regina, has suffered a severe loss in the removal from Regina of two of its members—Mrs. E. V. Wahn who has gone to live in Mossbank and Mrs. Walter Leslie to Victoria, B.C. Mrs. Wahn was President of Regina Presbyterial for three years and always gave unstintingly of her time and energy in the work of the Women's Missionary Society. Mrs. Leslie, Presbyterial Home Helpers Secretary for several years, spent uncounted hours visiting in homes and hospitals, and her place will not be easily filled.

Saskatoon Presbyterial—The Rev. J. M. Young, minister of Parkview Church, Saskatoon, was the special speaker at the October Thank-offering meeting of St. Andrew's Auxiliary and took as his subject ''And Be Ye Thankful''. Mrs. N. Greaves, with Mrs. R. Brehaut as accompanist, favoured the meeting with a solo "O Rest In The Lord". The President reported that a new Mission Band group had been organized with Mrs. O. MacMillan and Mrs. J. Phillips as leaders. Mrs. Ross Downey was appointed to represent St. Andrew's on the Girls' Work Board.

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WINNIPEG Presbyterial — Stonewall Auxiliary had as their guest speaker Mrs. J. S. Flook of Winnipeg, who spoke of the responsibility of Christians towards missionary endeavour.

Mrs. T. K. Chiu addressed a special meeting held in First Church, Winnipeg, under the auspices of the Presbyterial, presided over by Mrs. A. T. Kernaghan. Mrs. Chiu told of the educational work in China and referring to Mrs. Gehman, spoke of the great need for more nurses and doctors.

On October 6th Calvin Auxiliary, Winnipeg, held a birthday tea at the home of Mrs. W. S. Smith on the occasion of the 23rd anniversary of the organization of the Auxiliary.

Rev. D. E. Flint the newly-elected Moderator of the Presbytery of Winnipeg was the speaker at the Thank-offering meeting of First Church Auxiliary, Winnipeg. Mr. Flint stressed the need for more missionaries and pointed out that the Presbyterian Church has always been a missionary Church and emphasized the need of haste in taking the Gospel message throughout the world.

HAMILTON AND LONDON

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BRUCE and Owen Sound Presbyterial — At a largely attended Thank-offering meeting held in St. Andrew's Church, Owen Sound, October 20th, Mrs. Moore Gordon of Hamilton who spoke on "Thanksgiving" emphasized that "Even in our tribulations we should see the Hand of God, and give thanks."

Chatham Presbyterial—The Alexander Bartlett Auxiliary, Windsor, find it very helpful to have two members at the door to welcome strangers and to greet the regular members.

A letter from Miss Douglas was read at the first fall meeting of the Ellen Douglas Auxiliary of Knox Church, Windsor.

Mrs. C. T. Burgess was guest speaker at the thanksgiving meeting of the senior Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Church, Windsor.

Hamilton Presbyterial — The Presbyterial Fall Rally held in Knox Church, Hamilton, September 23rd was opened with an especially inspiring service conducted by Miss E. Harper, West Flamboro. Miss Margaret Ramsay told of her work in British Guiana and Mrs. D. F. Hazell of Council Executive told of our National Work.

The C.G.I.T. group of St. Paul's Church, Hamilton, Mrs. Whittington, leader, have an interesting project under way: that of re-decorating one room which has been assigned to them.

Huron Presbyterial — At the fall Mission Band Rally in Hensall, eighty-six children representing five Mission Bands took part in an excellent programme arranged by Mrs. Scott, Seaforth. Lantern slides portraying the activities in our Cecilia Jeffrey School were enjoyed by the children. Five members received Junior Membership Certificates and pins.

Paris Presbyterial—A Rally of Mission Bands was held in Knox Church, Brantford, on Saturday October 16th. Mrs. N. Wilson, Presbyterial Children's Secretary, was in charge and opened the meeting with prayer. Mrs. Hamill of Knox Church welcomed the children. Mrs. Patterson, who had been connected for many years with Mission Band work, expressed pleasure at seeing so many children present. The six Mission Bands present assisted in the programme of songs, duets and dialogues.

Miss Margaret Ramsay, visiting missionary, told of her work and of how eager the children of British Guiana were to hear about Jesus.

The Innerkip Auxiliary had as their guests several outside Auxiliaries at their annual Thank-offering meeting on Thursday, October 14. At this meeting, Miss Grace Paterson a missionary on furlough from Indore, gave an interesting talk on the work being done among the Indian people, especially telling of that among the women and children.

The Sunshine Mission Band of Innerkip entertained the mothers of the Band members, the Auxiliary and the Home Helpers, at a picnic. The devotional period included a Bible contest between Auxiliary members and the Band, the latter winning by a small majority.

Stratford Presbyterial—The southern sectional meeting of the Presbyterial was held in Knox Church, St. Mary's, on October 14th. Motherwell Auxiliary contributed several musical selections and an inspiring address was delivered by the Rev. H. A. Pritchard of Atwood.

The northern sectional meeting of the Presbyterial was held in Shakespeare Church on October 5th, Mrs. McGillawee presiding. A missionary quiz proved that the members had a comprehensive knowledge of the work and location of our missionaries on our overseas fields. Mrs. D. Lane, Clinton, the guest speaker, chose as her theme, ''Mending the World'', emphasizing the importance of building up our own local churches and of prayer. A most inspiring afternoon was closed with a season of prayer.

Over 200 members from Auxiliaries in surrounding districts attended the 60th anniversary of Avonton Auxiliary, at which Mrs. R. Ballantyne presided. An historical sketch was given by a former president, Mrs. Neill of Stratford, while Mrs. Erskine of Monkton brought greetings from Stratford Presbyterial and the Rev. H. A. Pritchard, Atwood, represented Presbytery. The guest speaker, Mrs. J. B. Tier, brought out many helpful points in presenting the subject ''Let us look to the Past''.

TORONTO AND KINGSTON

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ALGOMA Presbyterial — The Westminister Auxiliary of Sault Ste. Marie held a combined meeting and picnic at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Reid at Island Lake at which Mrs. J. E. Gimley spoke.

Kingston Presbyterial—The Catherine Fairlie Auxiliary, the Young Women's Auxiliary, the Canadian Girls in Training and other interested friends joined with the Senior Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Church, Kingston, for the fall Thank-offering meeting. The Rev. and Mrs. T. K. Chiu who are fraternal representatives for the Church of Christ in China spoke of their work. Mr. Chiu gave a vivid picture of the formation of the Church in China and told of the great struggle during the war years to re-establish the Church inland, after being evacuated from the coastal provinces. Mrs. Chiu told of her part in the education of the children; of the great need for trained kindergarten and primary teachers and for permanent schools.

North Bay Presbyterial—The annual meeting of the North Bay Presbyterial was held in St. Andrew's Church, Parry Sound. In her address Miss Helen Scott challenged the members afresh with the work that is still to be accomplished.

The Christine Maxwell Auxiliary of North Bay held a supper meeting in September at which the speaker, Miss Ruth Fosdick, told of life in Mexico, a country which she had visited recently.

Orangeville Presbyterial—The annual Thank-offering meeting of Erskine Church Auxiliary, Dundalk, was held at a regular Sunday evening service. Guest speakers were Rev. and Mrs. Percy, missionaries of the Sudan Interior Mission, whose field is in Nigeria, British West Africa. Mr. Percy showed coloured motion pictures of the work among the black people and Dorothy Percy, aged four and a half years, sang hymns in the Hausa language.

Temiskaming Presbyterial—At a Presbyterial executive meeting held in Englehart, Mrs. E. J. Kerr, the President, extended a warm welcome to Mrs. Powell, wife of the Rev. Donald Powell, Timmins, and expressed regret at parting from Mrs. Bennie of Englehart. Very interesting reports were heard from all departments of our work and especially from Mrs. Powell, whose Bible Club met during the summer months with a membership of 57 boys and girls (of four to twelve years). The treasurer reported that approximately one third of the allocation has been raised.

MONTREAL AND OTTAWA

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OTTAWA, PRESS SECRETARY

ENTHUSIASM and optimism marked the opening meeting of Montreal-Ottawa Synodical Executive held in Westminster Church, Smith's Falls. The President, Mrs. Harcourt Emra, presided. Mrs. Mason McLennan, Mrs. W. Fitzsimons, Mrs. D. W. Blakely, Mrs. J. Logan-Vencta, and Miss Margaret Rowat brought news flashes from the recent Council Meeting. Mrs. J. W. Dougherty, the Treasurer, reported that to date givings had increased over last year by $1,785.00. She suggested that the Synodical aim to have one half of the 1949 allocation in by the end of June. All departmental reports were encouraging.

The evening meeting was largely attended, Mrs. Emra presided and the Rev. J. K. Lattimore brought greetings. Two outstanding addresses were given—Mrs. C. Ritchie Bell spoke on ''What I saw and heard in Europe'' and Mrs. Harcourt Emra gave a comprehensive report on the Conference at Columbus, Ohio, which she attended as a representative of the Synodical. Miss Flora Newsome sang ''Rock of Ages''. On Tuesday morning excellent reports presented by the six Presbyterial Presidents revealed progress in all branches. Mrs. Logan-Vencta referred to the loss Ottawa had sustained through the death of Miss Katherine Reid, a valued Presbyterial Welcome and Welfare Secretary for a period of years. Mrs. J. R. Hill, seconded by Mrs. D. W. Blakely, moved a resolution of appreciation to Miss Helen Mackintosh, paying tribute to Miss Mackintosh's many qualities as Editor of *The Glad Tidings* for the past thirteen years. This was heartily endorsed. Mrs. W. E. Baker presided over the Question Box and Mrs. R. D. Smith presented the Resolutions. Mrs. Philip Boy had charge of the services of worship during the three sessions and Mrs. Donald Mackay and Mrs. J. R. Hill led in closing prayers. Invitations to hold the Annual meeting at Cornwall in April, and the Autumn Executive meeting in Quebec City were accepted. Mrs. Lloyd showed some fine films of the Peace Memorial Camp at Lancaster. Delegates were guests of Westminster Auxiliary at a tea.

Brockville Presbyterial — A meeting of the Presbyterial Executive was held in Cardinal in preparation for the winter Executive to be held in January at South Mountain.

A very fine meeting was held in Chesterville with Morewood and Dunbar Auxiliaries as guests. Miss Ellen Anderson told of her work in British Guiana.

Section Three gathered in St. Andrew's Church, South Mountain, with the president, Mrs. H. T. Graham, presiding. Mrs. W. Fitzsimons was guest speaker and installed the officers. The opening devotions were in charge of Mrs. E. Larsen. Miss Edna Hunter and Mrs. A. Shaver sang a duet. A Mission Band Rally was held in Knox Church, Mountain, with forty children present from Kemptville, Winchester, Mountain and South Mountain. Mrs. Gordon Blow, Children's Secretary, presided. Each Band took part in the programme which was well rendered, especially the Bible memory work. Miss Lily Macarthur spoke to the children and presented three certificates. Mrs. Fitzsimons illustrated her talk with a flannelgraph.

Glengarry Presbyterial—The Autumn Thank-offering meeting of the Evening Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Church, Maxville, was largely attended. The service of worship was led by Mrs. W. S. MacLean and Mrs. W. Smillie. Mrs. Archie Munro gave a report of Mrs. C. Ritchie Bell's description of the Women's meeting at Amsterdam. The special speaker Miss Isabel Hill, Ottawa, Synodical Evening Department Secretary, told of the historic significance of the Thank-offering.

Lanark and Renfrew Presbyterial—The Presbyterial Executive met in Carleton Place in October with Mrs. Ashby presiding. Miss Mae Johnston led in the devotions. Mrs. Lindsay reported a Mission Band Rally had been held. Mrs. Cameron read letters of thanks for bales that had been sent. Mrs. Culhane told of increased contributions. A welcome visitor was Mrs. Vias, who, with her husband, has recently arrived from Greece. Mr. Vias has accepted a call from four stations in the Presbytery. Mrs. F. R. Meredith closed the session with prayer.

Montreal Presbyterial—Two hundred and forty attended the Mission Band Rally in First Church, Montreal. Miss Vina Watt, Children's Secretary, presided. Miss Cullen, president of the Auxiliary, welcomed the guests. Miss Margaret Rowat, Presbyterial President, brought greetings. Mrs. Tristram presented banners to the winning Bands—Athelstan, Kensington and St. Lambert. Included in the programme were some short plays presented by out-of-town Bands; choruses by the Chinese Mission

Band and a description of some Chinese customs by Mrs. G. P. Louie.

The Rev. R. J. Berlis addressed the Thank-offering meeting in Fairmount-Taylor Church.

The guest speaker at Kydd Memorial Thank-offering gathering was the Rev. J. S. McBride, who urged the women to be thankful for spiritual as well as material blessings, basing his remarks on Col. 2: 6,7.

Mrs. A. M. Mackenzie, Montreal, entertained in honour of Miss Beatrice Scott, who spoke briefly of her work in the Bhil Field.

Ottawa Presbyterial — A Canadian Girl in Training, a daughter of the manse (St. Giles), Miss Margaret Logan-Vencta, was unanimously chosen President of the Ottawa Girls' Cabinet, representing all the C.G.I.T. groups of the city.

The week of October 17th to the 24th was a very full one for members of St. Stephen's Church, Ottawa. A C.G.I.T. group, an Explorer's group and a Mission Band were organized within seven days. A Senior Auxiliary was organized last year.

Quebec Presbyterial—Miss Margaret Ramsay, on furlough from British Guiana, spoke to seven Auxiliaries in the Presbyterial. She stressed the fact that through the school children interest in the Gospel was created in their homes.

At the sectional meeting for Scotstown and Milan held in Milan, Mrs. Philip Boy gave highlights of the Council meeting, and emphasized the importance of people. Christ died for them and left to us the task, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, of giving the message to them.

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"A little light in Bethlehem
No larger than a candle's flame,
A wee, white light in Bethlehem,
Silver and small it came.

And many slept and did not see
The faint, far gleam when dark unfurled —
The little light that grew to be
The light of all the world."

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Treasurer's Statement

October 30, 1948

RECEIPTS:

Knox Church Bible School, Toronto, "Mrs. Dickson's and Mrs. Mackay's Work"	$ 200.00
Miss Ethel Chisholm, "Building House, New Dam, British Guiana"	275.00
Mrs. A. J. Fisher, Ashburn, Ontario, "Happy Childhood Magazine"	2.00
Miss J. Morton, "Support of Native Worker"	5.00
A Friend, "Christian Literature"	300.00
Ladies' Aid, Innisfail, Alberta, "Miss Isabel McConnell's Work"	13.53
Refund on Missionary Expenses	1,100.97
Government Grant, Birtle Indian School	8,318.78
Government Grant, Cecilia Jeffrey School	11,097.95
Life Membership Pins	47.92
Payment on British Columbia Camp, transferred from Legacy Fund	5,500.00
Income Tax received from Workers	330.37
Hospitalization received from Workers	53.00
Pension Rates received from Workers	40.00
Synodical Societies:	
Hamilton and London	7,900.00
Hamilton and London, Supplies	1,299.85
Toronto and Kingston	3,540.85
Toronto and Kingston, Supplies	869.10
Montreal and Ottawa	1,825.00
Montreal and Ottawa, Supplies	25.00
Alberta, Supplies	99.50
Saskatchewan	400.00
Saskatchewan, Supplies	36.86
Manitoba	407.25
	$43,687.93

DISBURSEMENTS:

Weirdale	$ 20.00
Indian Schools:	
Birtle	158.32
Birtle, Government Grant	3,041.32
Cecilia Jeffrey School	158.32
Cecilia Jeffrey School, Government Grant	3,066.53
Chinese in Canada	1,056.46
Deaconesses	933.98
St. Margaret's Centre	284.07
Children's Centre	325.69
Organization	1,365.44
Supplies	1,295.73
Exchange	3.00
Publications	550.07
Administration	1,348.87
European Relief	350.00
Christian Literature	150.00
India:	
Bhil Field	224.08
Jhansi Field	17.00
British Guiana	475.00
Formosa	1,100.00
Port Work	118.20
Income Tax	325.52
Council Expenses	429.37
Annuity Rates, transferred to Pension Fund	592.35
Missionaries' Personal Account	237.86
Purchase of Car	1,792.82
	$19,420.00

RESERVE FUNDS:

RECEIPTS:

Legacy Fund—

Estate of Nellie Crowe, Toronto	$350.00
Payment on Windermere House	25.00
Interest	136.50

Pension Fund—	
Annuity Rates from Workers	592.35
Interest	6.50
Peace Thanksgiving Fund—	
Interest	64.00
Chinese Auxiliary, Montreal	15.00
St. Andrew's Young Ladies' Club, Sarnia, "Helen Macdonald School, India"	25.00
	$1,214.35

DISBURSEMENTS:

Special Fund—	
Advance on 1949 Estimate for Evangelical Truth	$450.00
Miss Pelton's Overseas Expense	108.30
Legacy Fund—	
Payment on British Columbia Camp.	5,500.00
Car for Miss Anderson, British Guiana	1,892.38
Peace Thanksgiving Fund—	
Shaw's Business School	22.50
	$7,973.18

(MRS. DANIEL) HELEN M. STRACHAN, *Treasurer.*

Change for the Annual Report

Hamilton and London Synodical Officers—Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Fred Gallie, Forest, Ontario.

New Organizations

Alberta

Edmonton Presbyterial—Hazel Reaveley Evening Auxiliary, First Church, Edmonton. Pres., Miss Margaret McNay, Treas., Mrs. M. E. Mather, Sec., Miss Catherine Thomson, 10128-112th St., Edmonton.

Hamilton and London

Chatham Presbyterial—C.G.I.T. group, Duart. Leader, Mrs. D. B. Cram, Duart.

Sarnia Presbyterial—Explorer Group, Paterson Memorial Church, Sarnia. Leader, Mrs. Wm. Elliott, c/o Rev. D. Jackson, 398 Wellington St., Sarnia. Mission Band, Watford. Leader, Mrs. Sharkey, The Manse, Watford. Mission Band, Wyoming. Leader, Mrs. Charles McEwen, R. R. 2, Wyoming.

Stratford Presbyterial—Explorer Group and Mission Band combined. (Re-organized). Leaders, Mrs. D. Anderson and Mrs. Adam Bell, R. R. 2, St. Paul's. Mission Band, St. Andrew's Church, Stratford. (Re-organized). Leader, Mrs. B. L. Walden, 46 Church St., Stratford.

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Indian Schools.—Mr. T. C. Ross, Principal; Mrs. Ross, Matron, Cecilia Jeffrey School, Kenora, Ont. Mr. N. M. Rusaw, Principal; Mrs. Rusaw, Matron, Birtle, Man. Rev. W. W. Moore, B.A., Teacher, Mistawasis Reserve, Mont Nebo, Sask.

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Formosa.—Miss Hildur Hermanson, Reg.N., Mackay Memorial Hospital, Taipeh; Miss Dorothy Douglas, Miss Isabel Taylor, Tamsui.

China.—Mrs. L. W. Gehman, Reg.N., Church of Christ in China, Kienshui, South Yunnan.

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Dr. and Mrs. W. R. Quinn, Jobat, via Dohad, Central India; Rev. A. E. Toombs, Barwani, via Mhow, Central India; (Mrs. Toombs, Beeton, Ont.); Rev. and Mrs. G. K. Agar, Jobat, via Dohad, Central India; Miss M. E. Nichol (Eastern Division), Jobat, via Dohad, Central India.

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(Under appointment to work among the Koreans.)

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